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## Selectmen reorganize, Lilia Maselli voted as new chair

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night, the board reorganized with a new chairman and approved various requests to use town spaces.

Their first approval was for a common victualer license for Manjit Singh, the owner of Punjab Corner, located at 433 Main St. Unit A. The board approved this request and welcomed his business into town.

The next appointment belonged to Veterans Services Director Lou Cimaglia, who detailed the events planned for Memorial Day. He included the ceremony on Saturday, May 29 and decorating the squares all over town with wreaths. Sunday there would be the Memorial Mass and rededications of the Wilmington Memorial Library, the public safety building, and the war memorial on town common.

The Memorial Day Parade will begin on Monday at 10 a.m. and be followed by the ceremony at Wildwood Cemetery.

Cimaglia said that every-

thing that his department does is motivated by remembrance for the town's fallen heroes and their families. He added the efforts that the town makes for veterans is one of many reasons he has town pride.

The board thanked Cimaglia and his department for all they do anyway.

To veterans who may be struggling right now, he said, "Never give up. Don't quit."

The veterans director also appreciated the help of the Board of Health and the Shriners in planning their Memorial Day weekend events. Selectman Greg Bendel encouraged folks to show up to help honor Wilmington's veterans that weekend.

It was then the task of the board to vote in a new chairman. Selectman Kevin Cairra nominated Jomarie O'Mahony, who responded to say that she appreciated the kind words but couldn't accept the nomination.

"I have realized over these last seven or eight months, what my family is

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## Selectmen approve space requests and new businesses

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen received a number of requests at their meeting on Monday night to use town spaces before they got to announcements and new business.

By vote, they proclaimed the week of May 2-8 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, as proposed by Lynn A. Powers, MSW. In the request, Powers shared that 50 percent of mental health issues begin before the age of 14. She also said that the future of our nation depends on today's families and children's health and well-being.

They then approved requests to use the town common and gazebo for promenade on Thursday, May 13, Wilmington High School Honors Jazz on May 25, and the North and West strings concert on June 1. They also approved the requests of the Rec. Department for Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays in July and August, a remembrance of Beth Elliott-Morris' mother on Monday, July 26, and the Wilmington High School Class of 1976's 45th reunion.

Library Director Christina Stewart's request to use the Swain Green for summer

programs and the Community Shredding event in the municipal parking lot on Aug. 21 were approved, as well.

In announcements, Selectman Greg Bendel thanked all of the town employees and volunteers who helped with the annual Town Meeting along with the 403 residents who attended. He also said on behalf of the Recreation Department that the town beach needs more life guards to operate in full this summer and invited anyone interested to contact Recreation Director Karen Campbell.

Jomarie O'Mahony took a moment to set the record straight about a situation at the Town Meeting when Town Moderator Jonathan Eaton didn't allow Selectman Lilia Maselli or herself to make their comments.

"I don't think that he was slighting us due to our gender or newness to the board," she said.

She gave her comment from that day, which was to say that there should be more openness on the part of the town to invite new businesses to different review periods or feedback. Maselli agreed that there was no ill will on the part of the moderator, and Bendel mentioned that Eaton had done a great job moderating.

Under new business, DePalma requested that Town Manager Jeff Hull's contract, which will be ending Sept. 30, be opened. He said that he'd like to see the board interview new individuals on behalf of the town.

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## Hazardous materials disposal in Wilmington



▲ Four lanes of traffic lined up at 9 a.m. Saturday morning coming from all directions to dispose of yearly collections of hazardous materials on the Wilmington Town Common.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)



Two dumpsters full plus a great deal of overflow at the end of the day.



▲ The scene at the end of the day on the Wilmington Town Common.

## Abuse allegations at Wildwood Early Education Center under investigation

By CASSIA BURNS  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Last week, allegations of child abuse against at least one staff member at the Wildwood Early Education Center were reported.

The allegations first came to light following social media posts from the parent of one of the alleged victims, who reportedly was picked up from school with numerous bruises on his legs. The parent stated that he had also heard of another child in a similar situation.

According to the school's website, the Wildwood Early Education Center serves preschool and kindergarten students, providing a range of special education and support

services including speech, occupational and physical therapy, as well as reading support.

Following the report of alleged abuse, the district followed protocol and alerted the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and local law enforcement to investigate. The staff member in question traditionally is placed on administrative

leave, out of contact with students, until the investigation is completed.

On May 4, Wildwood Principal Charlotte King sent a notice to parents alerting them of the situation. In the statement, she outlined the school's plans going forward. Currently, King noted that as a precautionary measure, im-

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## SEEM Collaborative to bring school to Wilmington

WILMINGTON — SEEM Collaborative will soon move its Therapeutic Learning Center from Beebe School, Melrose, to more than 40,000 square feet at 260 Fordham Road, Wilmington. The Cummings Properties-managed building will also house SEEM Collaborative's Assessment and Intervention Center.

Founded in 1968, the non-profit educational agency offers specialty services for students aged 3 to 22 across more than 40 school districts, including Wilmington. Its Therapeutic Learning Center is a public elementary and middle school program that helps students with intensive special needs learn communication, academic readiness, and general life and social skills.

The SEEM Assessment and Intervention Center is an interim alternative educational setting that combines curriculum-based learning with counseling, physical and occupational therapy, and other support services. For up to nine school weeks, students attend class daily while educators and clinicians work to determine the appropriate long-term educational placements for them.

With space demands for traditional public schools increasing in Melrose, SEEM Collaborative's space at Beebe School will be reallocated at the end of its current lease. The Therapeutic Learning Center will continue to operate there until the scheduled opening of its Wilmington location this summer.

Cummings Properties account manager Kara Murphy submitted the lease proposal to SEEM Collaborative.

"Cummings' expansive

portfolio and substantial in-house design and construction resources allow us to handle large, complex requirements like those of SEEM Collaborative," said Murphy. "We're delighted we could provide a space to meet the evolving needs of this important community organization."

SEEM Collaborative has enjoyed a long relationship with both the real estate and foundation sides of the Cummings organization. Its executive offices are housed at 92 Montvale Ave. in Stoneham, another Cummings Properties-managed building. The educational agency is also a Cummings Foundation grant awardee.

Other schools in the Cummings portfolio include Montessori Kids Universe, Little Folks Day School, Bright Horizons, May Center School, The Corwin-Russell School at Broccoli Hall, Global Children School, and Puddle Duck Day School.

Cummings Properties manages a portfolio of 10 million square feet of commercial space in 11 suburban communities north and west of Boston. Most of these properties, including 92 Montvale Ave. in Stoneham and 260 Fordham Road in Wilmington, are owned by Cummings Foundation, with 100 percent of all rental profits supporting hundreds of local charities. The Cummings organization has awarded more than \$280 million to date and will announce the recipients of an additional \$25 million in funding this June.

More information is available at [www.cummings.com](http://www.cummings.com).



▲ 260 Fordham Road



▲ From left, Maureen Crowley and Catherine Lawson of SEEM Collaborative pose with Cummings Foundation cofounders Joyce and Bill Cummings at the 2019 grant winner celebration for Sustaining Grants awardees.

(Courtesy photos)

## Early Education Center teacher accused of absuving student

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mediate staff in the classroom connected to the allegations have been temporarily relieved.

King could not be reached for further comment.

Wilmington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Glenn

Brand released a response to the Wilmington Public Schools' community on May 5. Though unable to respond to specific allegations on social media due to the ongoing investigation and laws surrounding employee confidentiality, the statement assured that

the district's primary concern is set on assuring the safety of students, as well as outlining next steps in handling the issue.

"In the event that any such allegation of abuse, neglect or mistreatment were to be substantiated either by law enforcement authorities or through the district's investigation, the district would take immediate and decisive action to address and to prevent recurrence of any such misconduct," Brand said. "Our students' health, safety, and well-being is our number one priority. We will continue to work with the local authorities and our students' families to keep our kids safe in our schools."

Brian Pupa, Deputy Police Chief at the Wilmington Police Department confirmed in *The Lowell Sun* that the department is working with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office to further investigate the claims. Officials from the Department of Children and Families have also confirmed that an investigation is ongoing.

Charges have not been filed in connection to the alleged abuse at the time of reporting.

## News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

### WCTV Seeking VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help to capture the events that matter to Wilmington! Wilmington Community Television covers a wide array of community activities including Town Meetings, Sports, Concerts, Parades, Local Groups & Activities, Wilmington Schools & MORE. We provide the training (Trust me, it's not that hard) and you can be operating a camera in no time at all. To do all this, we need your help!

Not interested in being a videographer? There are lots of ways to get involved. Become a producer, learn audio design, host an interview segment, or even help broadcast a meeting from home! There are opportunities for the whole family to learn about video production.

Some upcoming events WCTV aims to broadcast include:

- 5/13 Celebration of

### Life Candlelight Vigil

- 5/14 A Capella Concert by Ball in the House

- 5/18 WHS Baseball vs. Melrose

- 5/18 Wilmington Schools Strings Concert

- 5/20 Live Concert presented by Wilmington Library

- 5/20 WHS Jazz Concert

- 5/21 Book Stew studio taping

This is just a sample of the types of events we strive to broadcast at WCTV, but we can only do it with the support of our neighborhood volunteers. For more information email [Ryan@WCTV.org](mailto:Ryan@WCTV.org) today!

### Special programming on WCTV!

Middle School Drama Club presents: "Help Desk"

Friday May 14 and Saturday May 15 at 7 p.m.

When you call the help desk you're looking for a solution, but your problems might just be the beginning! Tune in for this hilarious take on problems and solutions. Whether you're getting

shamed about your inability to log in, giving your credit card info. to a scammer or having a serious conversation with a clown, watch as customer service calls spiral into absurdity in this lighthearted and delightful comedy/drama production. View on: Verizon 37 and Comcast 9.

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Make Sure the Preparer is Available. Taxpayers may want to contact their preparer after this year's April 15 due date. People should avoid "fly-by-night" preparers.

Provide Records and Receipts. Good preparers will ask to see a taxpayer's records and receipts. They'll ask questions to figure things like the total income, tax deductions and credits.

Never Sign a Blank Return. Taxpayers should not use a tax preparer who asks them to sign a blank tax form.

Review Before Signing. Before signing a tax return, the taxpayer should review it. They should ask questions if something is not clear. Taxpayers should feel comfortable with the accuracy of their return before they sign it. Once they sign the return, taxpayers are accepting responsibility for the information on it.

Review details about any refund. Taxpayers should make sure that their refund goes directly to them—not to the preparer's bank account. The taxpayer should review the routing and bank account number on the completed return.

Ensure the Preparer Signs and Includes their PTIN. All paid tax preparers must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number. By law, paid preparers must sign returns and include their PTIN.

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### Wilmington line

## Woburn officials look to ease New Boston Street bridge impacts

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBBURN — The City Council lodged no objections to a proposed zoning amendment aimed at allowing a series of North Woburn businesses to establish temporary access roads into their sites during the construction of a

restored New Boston Street bridge.

During a recent gathering in City Hall, City Council President Edward Tedesco explained he had agreed to sponsor the zoning initiative in order to limit some of the adverse impacts of the major \$23.5 million bridge project.

Under the ordinance, New Boston Street abutters, who run a cluster of enterprises in an industrial district situated in North Woburn by the Wilmington line, can create an alternative access way for the duration of the public construction project.

Work on the bridge is expected to begin as soon as this August.

"Basically, those businesses, when the New Boston Street bridge is reconstructed, will need to make temporary access roads," explained Tedesco, who

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## History:

# Down the Ipswich River by canoe

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Springtime is the best time to try canoeing on the Ipswich River. While it is not the most popular river for recreation, several people have canoed the length of the river in the past.

Two Wilmington youths undertook an ambitious trip on the full length of the Ipswich River, not once but three times, 60 years ago. Dick Allard and Jack Bowen were 14 and 15 at the time of their first trip.

They told their story to Capt. Larz Neilson, publisher of the *Town Crier*.

They started the trip at 6 a.m. on a Tuesday during the spring vacation in 1959. Dick's father took them and the canoe to Jenks Bridge, on Woburn Street in Wilmington. They agreed on a signal. At each bridge along the way, they would mark their initials in a circle with chalk.

The Ipswich becomes a river just upstream from Jenks Bridge, where Maple Meadow and Lubbers brooks merge. The area is known as Hundred Acre Meadow. After passing under Route 93, the river runs along the northern side of the Reading town forest, passes through North Reading, Middleton, Topsfield and Ipswich, where it reaches the sea. It runs about 35 miles.

The first part of the trip in Wilmington was fairly

easy as the river meanders through the meadow. Once they crossed under Route 93, though, they ran into problems. The river was full of old rafts, floating doors and downed trees. Several times, they had to get out of the canoe. At one point, they stood on some doors and passed the canoe over them.

Alders leaning across the stream turned out to be quite a problem. It took them three hours to get to Mill Road in North Reading. Then they had an easy half-mile, just gliding along on the current. When they reached Main Street, Route 28, they had to carry the canoe across the busy road, as the high water didn't allow room under the bridge.

For the next mile, they chopped their way through the alders. Dick lost his hatchet, which he had borrowed from his dad. In the meadow in North Reading, they got lost a couple of times, following a "blind river" in the high water.

They camped the first night just beyond North Reading Center. They turned the canoe over for a shelter. They went fishing and caught a couple of trout, but decided to save them for breakfast. But then they kept saving them for the next meal and never did eat them.

Dick managed to soak his pants while fishing. He put them over the canoe to dry overnight, only to find



them frozen in the morning. His parents came along and they thawed the pants in the car. Then he put them on wet and wore them most of the second day. Mrs. Allard came back in the afternoon with dry pants. Instead of stopping on shore to put on the pants, Dick figured he'd do it in the canoe. But he draped them over the side of the canoe and managed to soak them, too.

There was a stretch of easy going, as they approached the dam at the Middleton - Peabody line. But of course, they had to portage around the dam, about a third of a mile.

They saw an old car, on dry land, and decided to check it out.

"But an old codger seemed to own it, and he chased us away," said Dickie. "He seemed to think it was

precious."

Then they noticed a No Trespassing sign for land they would need to cross. They asked the fellow if it was OK to carry-over, and he said OK.

"I guess he was a pretty nice fellow, but that old car just strikes me as funny," said Dick.

After the dam, the canoeing was pretty easy. They met a couple of kids from Middleton, also canoeing down the river. They figured they did about 30 miles that second day, not stopping for any long stay-overs anywhere. They arrived at the Bradley Palmer State Park in Ipswich about 6:30 p.m. Just after they pulled the canoe up on the bank, Allard's parents showed up.

"You could tell that I still had on the first pair of pants, and it was the first

thing my mother noticed," said Dick. "When I told her the story, she just laughed, but she didn't have any dry pants for me in the car."

They stayed over at the park the next day, fishing all day. Bowen caught two trout. Then the canoe went on the roof of the car and they headed for home.

They did not attempt to take the canoe all the way to the ocean. The final mile of the river has a bridge, requiring a lengthy port-

age. The mouth of the river lies south of Plum Island and north of Crane's Beach.

The following year, two other teens, Ellery Burpee and Dick Hartley, accompanied them. Their third trip in 1961 was a bit easier, with fewer obstacles and better knowledge of the river.

There is a new information kiosk at Jenks Bridge with a map of the river, adjacent to the canoe landing.

## Baker-Polito Administration announces reopening of additional P4 industries

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will move forward in the Commonwealth's reopening plan to reopen certain outdoor Phase 4 industries effective May 10, as previously announced. The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction.

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened restrictions and advanced to Phase IV of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. Since then, daily new COVID-19 cases have dropped by 45 percent, hospitalizations have dropped by 23 percent, and deaths have dropped by 69 percent. All these metrics have dropped by around 80 percent or more since the beginning of the year.

The Commonwealth also remains a national leader in COVID-19 vaccinations, and over 3.9 million people are fully or partially vaccinated, and Massachusetts is on track to meet its goal of vaccinating over 4 million people by the beginning of June.

**Effective Monday, May 10:**  
The Commonwealth will reopen certain outdoor Phase 4 industries.

Amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks will be permitted to operate at a 50 percent capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts and other appropriate safety measures after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

Additionally, large capacity venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open at 12 percent capacity as part of Phase 4, Step 1 will be permitted to increase capacity to 25 percent.

Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high-risk sports.

Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

Grocery stores and retail stores with a pharmacy department should consider dedicated hours of operation for seniors, but will no longer be required to offer senior hours.

**Additional Changes Anticipated to be Effective**

**Saturday, May 29:**

Contingent on continued positive trends in the public health and vaccination data, on May 29, additional sectors will be permitted to re-open and gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

The additional sectors that will be permitted to open include:

Parades, street festivals and agricultural festivals, after submitting safety plans to the local board of health including measures for maintaining social distance, staffing and operations plans and hygiene and cleaning protocols.

Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, which will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

Last week, the Administration also relaxed the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings and announced further reopening plans for Aug. 1.

For more information, visit [mass.gov/reopening](https://mass.gov/reopening).



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## Reading Coop Bank welcomes new employees

READING — Reading Cooperative Bank (RCB) is pleased to announce a wave of new hires. Joining RCB is Lily Wright, Credit Analyst, Mala Sinha, Loan Processor/Closer, Brianna Ortega, Banking Specialist I in Reading, Joey Quintana, Banking Specialist II in North Wilmington, and Judy Langill, Reading Memorial High School (RMHS) Branch Manager & Educational Coordinator.

"We're only making our

team stronger," remarked Maxine Hart, Chief Human Resources Officer. "We were fortunate to have such great candidates who wanted to be a part of what the bank is building. I know that each one of these individuals will play a pivotal role in RCB's success going forward."

**About Reading Cooperative Bank:**  
Reading Cooperative Bank is a depositor owned co-operative founded in

1886. This community-centric North Shore financial service provider has branches in Reading, Wilmington, North Reading, Andover, and Burlington. They also operate teaching branches at Northeast Metro Tech in Wakefield (open to the public) and at Reading Memorial High School (students and staff only), as well as an online branch at [www.readingcoop.com](https://www.readingcoop.com).

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## Rep. Nguyen selected as one of nation's rising leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — State Representative Tram Nguyen was selected as one of 19 leaders from across the country to join the NewDEAL (Developing Exceptional American Leaders), a selective national network of state and local elected officials.

Nguyen joins the group at a time when state and local leaders are on the frontlines of responding to the pandemic and as they take on a critical role in implementing the American Rescue Plan recently signed by President Joe Biden.

The new law will send hundreds of billions of dollars to state and local governments. NewDEALers are supporting each other in addressing the many challenges created and exacerbated by COVID-19 by innovating, convening virtually, and sharing good ideas.

First elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 2018, Nguyen was selected to join NewDEAL because of her dedication to issues of racial and economic justice, as well as her commitment to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable populations.

Rep. Nguyen's current key initiatives are focused on COVID-19 recovery, environmental protection, creating opportunities for working families, and addressing critical health issues. Most recently, Rep. Nguyen presented a bill to increase unemployment insurance benefits for low-wage workers, another to increase the economic well-being for people in debt, several bills to promote safety for survivors of domestic violence and violent crimes, and one to address hate crimes.

Rep. Nguyen has also been recognized for her work as a legislator by being awarded the Women's Empowerment award (2019), Asian American Women Political Initiative Legislator of the Year award (2019), YDMA Young Democratic Elected of the Year Award (2020), and Council of State Government 20 under 40 award (2020).

"We are in a unique moment for state and local leaders as we must find solutions for the urgent challenges created by COVID-19 while not losing focus on longer-term issues that will also affect the Commonwealth's economic security for decades to come," said Nguyen. "I look forward to sharing lessons with and learning from other leaders who are setting the standard for effective governance, and I am excited to be part of NewDEAL's efforts to expand opportunities for Americans in communities nationwide."

Nguyen and her peers in the new class of leaders (listed below) were recognized for their commitment to expanding opportunity as they work to build back better in their communities. These leaders' work will build on policy recommendations that NewDEAL Leaders help develop, including the release of reports on education and climate change, as well as recommendations from the NewDEAL Forum Renewing American Task Force, which has provided guidance for state and local leaders to address affordable housing, child care, broadband

access, entrepreneurship, mass transit, and the social safety net.

Nguyen joins fellow Massachusetts legislators Senators Barry Finegold and Eric Lesser, who are already part of the 178-person NewDEAL Leaders network.

NewDEAL members are working to enact pro-growth progressive solutions in a diverse array of communities. They have been chosen from more than 1,650 nominations over its decade-long history. NewDEAL Leaders have found broad support for their work across red, blue, and purple states and cities, with more than 20 rising to higher office in the past few years.

Leaders are currently participating in NewDEAL's Build Back Better series, which supports them in addressing simultaneous crises around public health, the economy, racial equity and climate change. The NewDEAL has launched a database of policies and programs that address the wide-ranging impacts of the pandemic and is publishing recommendations for building back better from this crisis.

### About NewDEAL

The NewDEAL brings together leaders focused on expanding opportunity, helping them develop and spread innovative ideas to spur economic growth that is broadly-earned and sustainable. Most importantly, the organization facilitates the exchange of ideas among its members and connects them with other pro-growth progressive political, policy, and private sector leaders.

Today's announcement brings the total number of NewDEAL members — statewide officials, legislators, mayors, councilmembers, and other local leaders — to 178 leaders from 47 states.

Learn more about Rep. Nguyen and the NewDEAL at <http://www.newdealleaders.org/leaders>.

The new class of NewDEAL Leaders includes:

- Representative Jeremy Gray, Auburn, AL
- Senator Ben Allen, Los Angeles, CA
- Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Baldwin Park, CA
- Representative Dylan Roberts, Eagle, CO
- Senator Will Haskell, Westport, CT
- Representative Quentin Phipps, Middlesex, CT
- Senator Sarah McBride, Wilmington, DE
- Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Parkland, FL
- Representative Tram Nguyen, Andover, MA
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## Scientific knowledge a must for school-age population

By PAUL J. ANDREWS  
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Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

"As the world races to combat a pandemic, slow climate change and try to solve many other public health challenges, it's clear that developing young people's scientific knowledge should be an urgent priority in schools" was a collective quote from Justin Anderson, Daniel Sitzman, Amy Arneson and Elizabeth Gandhi in the February edition of The Learning Professional.

Further suggestions by the distinguished group of professionals included comments on working with returning students including the following: teachers should aim for acceleration, not remediation; utilize content rich instructional materials; utilize tutoring and extended learning time opportunities; offer beefed up mental health services along with working hard to get the school's culture right "as great culture is what's going to largely determine whether stu-

dents get the social and emotional support they most need," said Michael Petrilli, an education researcher.

While schools do try to add science into classroom instruction at the elementary level, these efforts must be intensified over time as middle and high school is just not the place to begin well-organized and carefully focused science instruction. Many districts have in fact appointed an elementary science specialist to work on these efforts, as well as to articulate the cross-over to instruction at the middle school and high school. The earlier the elementary instruction is started, the better will be the science learning skills gained by students.

SAD TO REPORT that Alzheimer's mental health drug aducanumab has been the optimistic experimental medication that became a hope of many scientists, as well as those who were looking for an answer for themselves, family members or friends. While the possibility still exists that this medication may be approved, the

truth is that the results seem to show conflicting data in the most recent studies of two recent clinical trials.

Unfortunately, this medication was such a huge hope of millions, the feelings are that this drug will not be the case. The Food and Drug Administration has not cleared a new Alzheimer's drug since 2003, which is really a long time in an area with a growing number of cases every year. Meanwhile, local Massachusetts company Biogen will still work on this effort along with other companies around the world.

SOME MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS follow including: New study shows that Americans with higher education more likely to get vaccine; Think twice before paying off your mortgage early; Women are having a growing impact on philanthropy; You can't avoid death but taxes are another matter; To age and retire well, try to have a plastic mind and a rubber soul; University researchers monitor effects of COVID-19 vaccines in nursing home re-

sidents; Pandemic stress forces Northern California employers to take action on mental health; China to raise retirement age in stages, state researcher says; The race for becoming a global superpower is now China's to lose; Vaccine rollout drives Canadian confidence to highest since 2009; Private equity industry optimistic about 2021; According to a new report, almost 800,000 homeowners at risk of repossession; IBM to input \$300 million into international pension plans; Pandemic forcing many to retire earlier than anticipated (saw this several times during the past year); Yoga's quarantine workout-yoga impacts body weight exercises for strength, along with a movement routine and a stationary bike to provide balance; Personal income, savings and spending surged after round 2 of direct payments; and Mortgage interest rates rise sharply.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS always welcome at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org)

## Garden Club plant sale

The Tewksbury Garden Club will be holding its plant sale at the library, 300 Chandler St., on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Get a jump start on your garden with curated plants grown right in Tewksbury gardens. Food pantry donations are encouraged, and the

Friends of the Library will have a table selling items as well! Stop by!

## Baker-Polito Administration announces reopening of additional P4 industries

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will move forward in the Commonwealth's reopening plan to reopen certain outdoor Phase 4 industries effective May 10, as previously announced. The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction.

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened restrictions and advanced to Phase IV of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. Since then, daily new COVID-19 cases have dropped by 45 percent, hospitalizations have dropped by 23 percent, and deaths have dropped by 69 percent. All these metrics have dropped by around 80 percent or more since the beginning of the year.

The Commonwealth also remains a national leader in COVID-19 vaccinations, and over 3.9 million people are fully

or partially vaccinated, and Massachusetts is on track to meet its goal of vaccinating over 4 million people by the beginning of June.

### Effective

Monday, May 10:

The Commonwealth will reopen certain outdoor Phase 4 industries.

Amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks will be permitted to operate at a 50 percent capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts and other appropriate safety measures after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

Additionally, large capacity venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open at 12 percent capacity as

part of Phase 4, Step 1 will be permitted to increase capacity to 25 percent.

Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high-risk sports.

Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

Grocery stores and retail stores with a pharmacy department should consider dedicated hours of operation for seniors, but will no longer be required to offer senior hours.

### Additional Changes Anticipated to be Effective

Saturday, May 29:

Contingent on continued positive trends in the public health and vaccination data, on May 29, additional sectors will be permitted to re-open and gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and pri-

vate settings.

The additional sectors that will be permitted to open include:

Parades, street festivals and agricultural festivals, after submitting safety plans to the local board of health including measures for maintaining social distance, staffing and operations plans and hygiene and cleaning protocols.

Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, which will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

Last week, the Administration also relaxed the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings and announced further reopening plans for Aug. 1.

For more information, visit [mass.gov/reopening](http://mass.gov/reopening).

## ~Recycling Tips of the Week~

- Small household appliances are considered trash. If you can't donate a working item, please dispose of it in your trash toter.
- Cords and hoses do not go in your recycling toter: they tangle the machinery and endanger workers.

## Book Stew Review

## 'The Survivors' by Jane Harper

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

In one small Tasmanian beach town: three former teenage buddies, now grown men. Two older brothers, drowned. A famous author, a lying police chief. And two dead girls and one missing body, 12 years apart.

The celebrated author, a genius at simultaneously unraveling clues and ratcheting up suspense, keeps

her streak of four winners going in this gripping story of guilt and lies.

The setting, with its dangerous underwater caves, is beautifully rendered. There's one tiny, useless red herring, but Harper's reliable skills at creating a strong narrator and a population of memorable characters makes this the best of them all, so far.

Quote: "I only take criticism from people I'd go to for advice."

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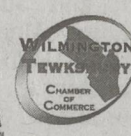
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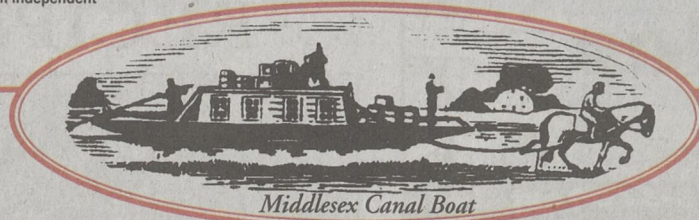
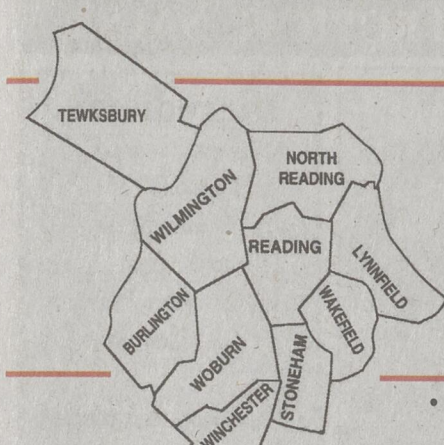






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## Town Meeting in the age of COVID

By RYAN LAROCHE

Without a mayor to approve a budget (or make other important decisions), towns tend to leave these vital choices up to the larger electorate as a whole in a process known as Town Meeting. Some towns run a form of Town Meeting open to all residents while other towns elect residents to serve the members of each precinct.

In 1970, Burlington adopted a representative form of Town Meeting whereby voters in each precinct elect residents to serve as Town Meeting members and represent them during the annual meeting. Winchester did the same thing five years later. Reading, meanwhile, actually adopted a representative Town Meeting in 1944.

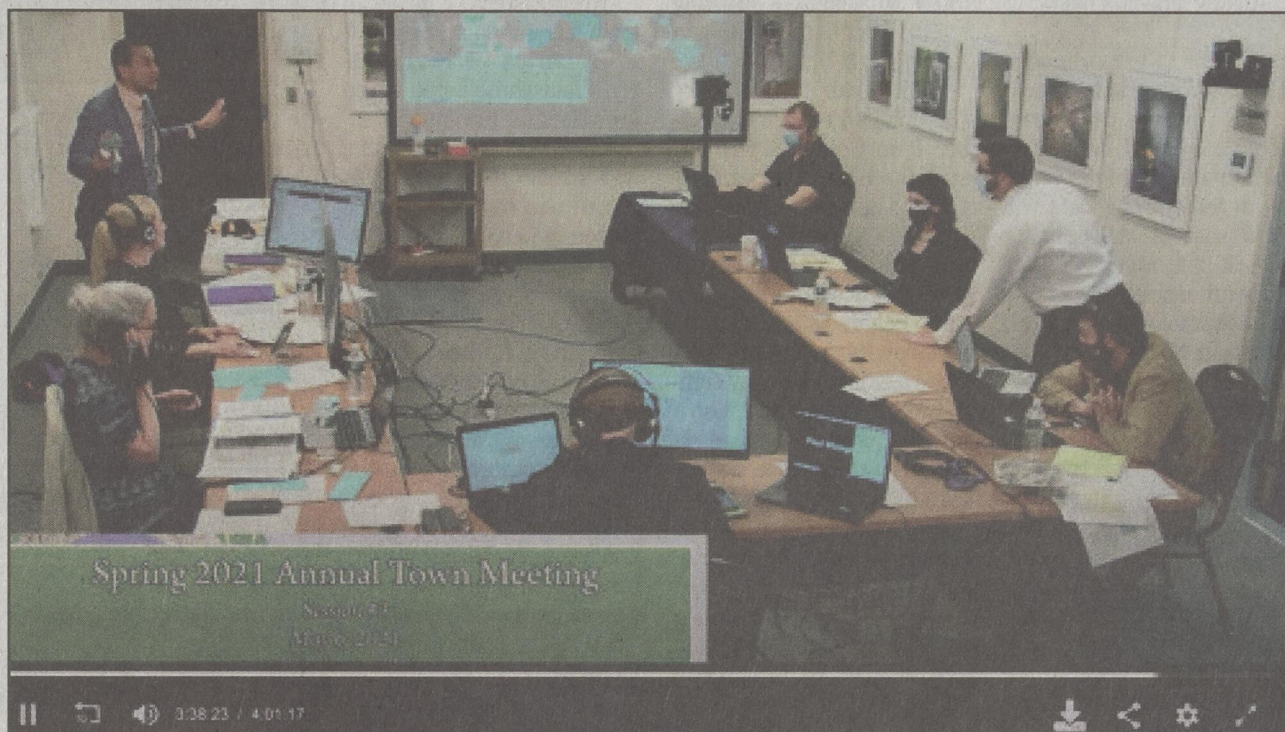
Some towns, like Wilmington, Tewksbury and Stoneham, maintain an open form of Town Meeting. This allows any resident in town to show up and participate.

Regardless of which form of Town Meeting a town chooses to run, the pandemic has made it a tougher process, forcing some towns to go virtual and others to find large spaces to hold the 100s of people who wish to participate. If it's an open Town Meeting, towns like Wilmington, Tewksbury and Stoneham must find a way to meet in person while Winchester, Reading and Burlington can run a virtual (or hybrid in Burlington's case) version of Town Meeting.

Since towns that host a representative Town Meeting know how many members will show up (each town has a specific number - Burlington has 126 while Winchester and Reading have 192), those towns can plan ahead. However, for towns that run an open Town Meeting, one, 100 or 1,000 residents could show up thereby necessitating an in-person format.

For instance, Wilmington, since the start of the pandemic last year, held its spring and fall Town Meetings in the Shiner's Auditorium with enough space to physically distance everyone the required six-feet.

Burlington actually held its first pandemic Town Meeting outside last June, but switched to a hybrid model for its September, January and current sessions.



THE ABOVE RENDERING SHOWS THE NEW WINCHESTER TOWN COUNSEL Mina Markarios (left, standing) converses with Select Board member Michael Bettencourt (right, leaning) during Town Meeting following some confusion regarding a vote Town Meeting members just took. The pandemic forced some towns to hold Town Meeting virtually.

### Virtual Town Meeting

Going virtual hasn't necessarily made Town Meeting run any smoother. In fact, at least in Winchester, it's muddled up the waters and caused a lot of head-scratching.

This is Winchester's third virtual Town Meeting. The first two went pretty smoothly, but this year the town hit a rough patch thanks to technology glitches and voter confusion; two things that rarely happen during in-person sessions.

Technology issues are always bound to happen, regardless of whether it's Town Meeting or a Zoom call with your relatives. However, some problems are tough to overcome, especially with the rigid Town Meeting rules that most towns use when conducting their meetings.

For instance, several times over the course of four nights of Winchester Town Meeting a member attempted to speak on an article but the town moderator never recognized the Town Meeting member. Why? Even though the Town Meeting member clicked the right button (the Raise Your Hand feature on WebEx, Zoom or vVoter), the technology never sent the request to the moderator or anyone with the capability to see it and alert the moderator.

Another issue involved taking the actual vote. One attempt to pass an amendment on a budget article hit a snag when the moderator called for a vote, then stopped the vote for a point of order, only to ask Town Meeting members to vote again. Members could see the original vote, which rejected the

amendment, but upon revote, the amendment passed.

Therefore, some members, confused about the situation, called for a third vote. However, Winchester's Town Counsel Mina Markarios pointed out the rules state a vote isn't official until the town moderator calls it and Winchester's Town Moderator Heather von Mering never acknowledged the initial vote. So, Town Meeting never took a third vote and the amendment passed.

The situation clearly frustrated Winchester's town clerk, moderator and town counsel because, while a third vote could have solved some of the confusion, Robert's Rules, which the town uses to conduct its meetings, says otherwise.

### Hybrid model

One town that managed to survive the pandemic Town Meeting so far, Burlington revamped its sessions from in-person to a hybrid model that allows for some members to come in person while most everyone else stays at home.

Town Clerk Amy Warfield said this session of Town Meeting is going well and things went better than she imagined Monday night as Burlington passed its fiscal year budget. Part of that success could involve the use of the hybrid model where 11 Town Meeting members participated in person at the high school and the rest remained virtual.

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish in 'Here Today'

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

A sleepy and aimless stab at something earnestly "feel-good," "Here Today" is a wasted pairing of Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish that juggles dementia, grief and family squabbles about as adeptly as a daytime soap. "Here Today," which opens in theaters Friday, is genial and gentle enough to make it mildly restive. It is, in scenes around leafy Brooklyn Heights, at least leisurely. The film, written

by Alan Zweibel and Crystal and based on a short story by Zweibel, is Crystal's first time directing in 20 years — since the Roger Maris HBO film "61 (asterisk)." That, a Yankee story, was more in Crystal's wheelhouse. The tones here, though, are more ambitious and out of reach for the limp "Here Today."

Crystal plays Charlie Burnz, a celebrated comedy writer who remains on staff as a kind of sage veteran at "This Just In," a sketch series styled after "Saturday Night Live." He still knows comedy, but the scenes at the show, both writing and performing sketches, are curiously lacking any humor. Here, in "This Just In," is an "SNL" approximation that rivals Aaron Sorkin's "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" in unfunniness.

A lunch with Burnz is auctioned off. But when he goes to the restaurant, he's greeted not by the bidder but the bidder's ex-girlfriend, Emma Payne (Haddish), who has come just for the free meal. A seafood allergy that sends her to the hospital brings them closer, and soon Emma — a bright and friendly singer with seemingly nothing else to do — gradually, magically becomes close friends with Burnz, just as dementia is setting in for him. His relationship with



CRYSTAL CLEAR - Tiffany Haddish, left, and Billy Crystal in a scene from the Sony Pictures release "Here Today." Even with an unrefined script, Haddish and Crystal have some nice moments.

(Cara Howe/Sony Pictures via AP)

his kids (Penn Badgley, Laura Benanti) isn't good, but Emma's willing to take care of him. Along the way, there are also first-person perspective flashbacks to Burnz's now deceased wife, a saintly woman who died years earlier in an accident.

Following an act like Anthony Hopkins (who so powerfully and rigorously captured the disorientation of dementia in "The Father") is never easy. But "Here Today," soaked in sentiment, is a steep fall off. Crystal's performance of the condition isn't necessarily bad. For Burnz, clarity goes in and out. He has his kids labeled in a photograph; he

forgets Sharon Stone's name while onstage at a Lincoln Center anniversary event for a movie he wrote 30 years earlier. Mostly, it's only an occasional issue for the character — a bit of dramatic window dressing for a story that's mostly about the reflections of an aging writer and his unlikely friendship with Emma.

You can credit "Here Today" with never pushing too hard on conflict or comedy. Excepting the heaps of schmaltz, this is a restrained film, made with wistfulness by a comedy great. And

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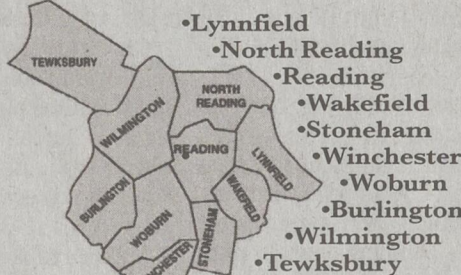
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# Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** The Boston Celtics were the first NBA team to start 5 Black players when they did so in a game in St. Louis on Dec. 26, 1964. Name as many of the five as you can.

Answer appears below:

Division 1A tournament proponents hope to be heard

The Division 1A tournaments may still be put on hold for the next four years. But at least proponents will get a shot at stating their case. Still, at issue will be to maintain consistency, equity and Title IX compliance across all MIAA sports that may be the stumbling block.

The MIAA Board of Directors, during a long virtual meeting on Monday, voted 16-0 to put a hold on the recent tournament management committee vote that would have paused any 1A tournaments until at least the 2025-26 school year.

The biggest issue in the proceedings were from members of the ice hockey committee who claimed they were not given an opportunity to voice their concerns. The baseball committee submitted a letter to the board with a similar argument.

In case you missed it, due to the new statewide tournament structure starting the fall of 2021, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Tournament Management Committee voted 12-2 to eliminate the Division 1A, or Super 8 tournaments, for four years while they study four years of data under the new statewide tournament. The committee thought it was important to start fresh under the new statewide format. The new tournament structure will include using power ratings rather than straight winning percentage.

In a virtual meeting held Thursday, April 15, the MIAA accepted the proposal of the Blue Ribbon Committee to "not consider any applications for a 1A Tournament until July 1, 2025, to ensure MIAA sport committees can support their applications with four years of data under the new statewide tournament structure starting in the fall 2021 season."

The statewide postseason format, which begins with the 2021-22 school year, established criteria for how many divisions would be allowed in each sport, but also gave individual sport committees the option to request an additional division for events like the Super 8. Boys' hockey has had a Division 1A tournament since 1991, and baseball started its in 2014.

At issue for this change was maintaining consistency, equity and Title IX compliance across all MIAA sports.

Needless to say, the Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches Association was not happy with the decision and had zero input into the process.

The Super 8 was instituted for Massachusetts high

school hockey in 1991. Before then, Catholic schools won every Division 1 state title from 1979-90 as well as winning in Division 2 from 1986-90. Even at the "Super 8" level, just four public school teams have won the title in those 30 years — Reading (2008), Hingham (2010) and Arlington (2017, 2020 co-title).

TMC chair Jim O'Leary (St. John's Prep) and member Pam Gould (Sandwich) said the issues surrounding 1A tournaments were discussed throughout the statewide tournament process, but ice hockey committee chair Dan Shine said none of its members were given any input into any committee meetings. Shine, also a member of the board of directors, said the ice hockey committee is willing to address blue ribbon and Title IX concerns, including expanding Division 1A to girls' hockey.

O'Leary and Gould both agreed that, as TMC members, they would be open to continuing 1A tournaments assuming the equity issues were addressed. And that appears to be the stumbling block, or the selling point, for the proponents of 1A tournaments is trying to be consistent with every boy and girl athlete to be treated the same in the new state tournament.

Woburn runners assist UMass Lowell women's track team

For the third consecutive year, the UMass Lowell women's track and field team earned a top-three finish at the 2021 America East Outdoor Championships.

UAlbany took the team gold for both the women and the men during the two-day conference event. The Great Danes earned 200 points on the women's side for the top spot. New Hampshire finished second with 145 points in the team standings, just ahead of the River Hawks, who accumulated 120 points for the bronze.

In the individual competitions, the River Hawk women earned seven medals, including three golds.

Woburn's AVERY LEYDON, a junior, and LAURA FLAGG, a senior, are contributors to the team. Leydon came in sixth in the 800 meters in a time of 2:15.34 in the AE championships. Flagg, a distance runner, finished 11th in the AE championships in the 5000 meters in 18:55.70.

Middlesex League All-Star Cheerleaders

The Middlesex League announced cheerleading All-Stars for the Fall II season.

Burlington: EMILY FORD (Sr.)

Stoneham: SOFIA TALARICO (Jr.)

Reading: JORDYN SULIVAN (Sr.)

ADDISON MARSHALSEA (Sr.)

AUDREY THORNTON (Soph.)

Wakefield: ALANA WILLIS (Sr.)

JESSICA MAFFE (Sr.)

Wilmington: SOFIA DONOVAN (Jr.)

Winchester: SARAH WARD (Sr.)

Woburn: DEZIRE DOUGAN (Sr.)

EMILY VENEZIA (Sr.)

Northeastern baseball team has won 17 straight

By virtue of Northeastern's four-game home sweep over Hofstra, the Huskies extended their NCAA leading win streak to 17 and CAA record win streak to start a season to 15 on Sunday afternoon at Friedman Diamond.

Wyatt Scotti threw a career-high eight innings while only letting up two hits and no runs, Scotti ended his day with two strikeouts while giving up zero walks and improves his record to 4-1 on the season.

Scott Holzwasser scored two runs and broke the Huskies stolen base record with his 77th career swipe passing Reading's CHARLIE MCCONNELL (2016-18).

Another Reading native, COREY DILORETO, a red-shirt sophomore first baseman, is batting .302 for the Huskies. The 6-4, 210-pounder has 1 home run and 13 RBI.

The Huskies end their home portion of the schedule going 21-2 at Friedman Diamond. They'll hit the road now for a single-game at Hofstra on Wednesday at 1 p.m. to make-up a rainout earlier in the season and then will head to Delaware for a week-end four-game series.

College baseball news and notes from local area

Reading's PAT JORDAN, a senior right-hander on the Westfield State baseball team, finished the season with a 3-2 mound record with 1 save. He had an ERA of 2.06. Westfield State's season came to an end on Saturday with a doubleheader split against Salem State. The Owls won game 1 by a 9-4 score, and dropped game 2 by a 3-1 final.

The Owls end the season with an 18-8 overall record, while Salem improves to 11-8 on the year. The Vikings will advance to next Friday's MASCAC championship series...

Woburn's RYAN QUALEY, a sophomore right-hander on the UMass Dartmouth baseball team, has a 1-0 record and a 2.78 ERA appearing in seven contests with two of them starts. The Corsairs won their fourth consecutive contest to improve to 11-12 overall and 9-7 in the conference circuit. UMass Dartmouth clinched the fourth seed in the upcoming Little East Conference Championship tournament and will face fifth-seeded University of Massachusetts Boston (9-7) at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 in Mansfield, Conn.

Reading's PETER BURNS, a junior catcher for the Boston College baseball team, continues to see regular action behind the plate for the Eagles. Burns has started 36 of his team's 45 games. He's batting .189 with 3 home runs and 16 RBIs.

The Boston College baseball team earned a doubleheader split by salvaging game three of its series with a 6-2 win over No. 16 Pittsburgh at Charles L. Cost Field on Saturday. The Eagles dropped game one of the day, 4-3, as their record moved to 20-25 overall and 9-21 in the ACC, while the Panthers went to 22-13 and 16-11 with the series win.

Answer to this week's question: Bill Russell, Tom Sanders, Sam Jones, K.C. Jones and Willie Naulls.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

## HomeNewsHere RECIPE



**NO FRY FISH BAKE** - Want your family to eat more fish? Bake fish and top it with an enticing fruit salsa.

### STEPS

1. Heat oven to 425°F. In 13x9-inch pan, melt butter in oven.

2. In small bowl, mix Bisquick mix, cornmeal, chili powder and salt. Dip fish fillets into egg, then coat with Bisquick mixture. Place in pan.

3. Bake uncovered 10 minutes. Turn fish; bake

about 15 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with fork.

4. Meanwhile, in glass or plastic bowl, mix all fruit salsa ingredients. Serve salsa with fish.

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- 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1lb white fish fillets
- 1 egg, beaten

#### FRUIT SALSA

- 1 can (8 oz) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 kiwifruit, peeled, chopped
- 1 mango or papaya, cut lengthwise in half, pitted and chopped
- jalapeño chile, seeded, finely chopped

## Meetings From page B-1

"Not everyone is virtual because some people don't have computers or can't navigate the virtual setting," Warfield noted. "We don't have enough staff to support an all virtual meeting."

Last year, Burlington did hold an in-person session in June, outdoors with a much smaller than usual warrant containing only the articles the town had to pass (mostly involving the town's finances).

"We couldn't bring every issue forward," Warfield admitted. "It became, 'what do we need to pass?'"

However, the town couldn't hold outdoor meetings in September and especially not in January, so without the space to hold an indoor session that could accommodate everyone separated out six feet, Burlington switched to the hybrid model.

Warfield said moving to the hybrid model worked so far. The town suffered some technology issues, mostly relating to members forgetting to unmute themselves. Other than that, WebEx, the town's choice to host the meetings, hasn't failed them. It includes a registration feature so members can check in and polling capabilities so members can vote on each article. Discussion is conducted through the Raise Your Hand feature that notifies the town moderator when a member wishes to speak.

Warfield said the town moderator has become good at pausing to allow all members the time to speak and so all members are recognized. She added normal protocols call for residents to stand and announce themselves and their precinct when they wish to speak. Virtually, standing, obviously, is no longer required.

When asked if representative Town Meeting works best in a virtual or hybrid setting (as compared to an open session), the Burlington Town Clerk said it helps because she knows how many people to look for. Burlington re-

quires only 64 members for a quorum. Winchester and Reading, due to a larger number of Town Meeting members, require 97.

As this is now Burlington's third time in the hybrid setting, Warfield said while some bumps remain, the town got more technologically savvy. It helps to have a town clerk who spent 25 years in the electronic publishing field, so she's no neophyte in this regard. Of course, even though the hybrid option works, Warfield still hopes to see everyone in September.

### Light at the end of the tunnel

For Winchester, long nights of debate aren't uncommon during Town Meeting. Even in-person sessions could last three to four hours. But virtual Town Meeting's three to four hour runtime includes more than debate. Minutes are spent waiting on motions to appear on the screen, discussing procedural issues, dealing with technical problems such as not being able to hear people, and arguing over whether a vote taken actually counted (not to mention an issue currently under police investigation involving a member possibly being hacked where someone using his account posted some derogatory comments in the Zoom chat).

Fortunately, this may all come to an end by fall Town Meeting as vaccines, especially in Massachusetts, continue to go into arms. It probably can't come fast enough, even for towns that continue to hold in-person meetings.

Town Meeting is the time when the whole town (or those elected to represent the town) comes together to discuss important topics like zoning bylaws, capital projects and the budget. It's proven difficult to do that when residents can't see the people they are debating or can't debate period due to technological glitches.

## Stoneham Historical Society "Virtual" and "In Person" events planned

The Stoneham Historical Society & Museum has planned several events for May and June. Mark your calendars for the following:

The general public is invited on Thursday, May 13th for a "virtual" presentation by local historian Dee Morris and sponsored by Children's Dental Care. The topic will be "The Unstoppable Tidd Family". In her unique style she will share their stories and their defining presence in Stoneham. This meeting is held in conjunction

with and additional support from the Stoneham Historical Commission to commemorate National Preservation Month.

On Thursday, June 10th, acclaimed historical actress, Sheryl Faye performs as aviatrix, Amelia Earhart. Her transformation is remarkable. This presentation is sponsored by Northeast Manufacturing at 35 Spencer Street.

Each presentation will begin at 7 PM on Stoneham cable TV (Comcast 9, Verizon 34, RCN, 3) following a brief business meeting.

On Saturday, June 12th -

2nd Annual Yard Sale "live" in our driveway at 36 William Street. Find a variety of new, gently used and vintage items at very reasonable prices to help underwrite our ongoing programs. Cash & Carry only from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Rain cancels - no reschedule. Social distancing expected. This is our first "in person" event since March, 2020 and "WE CAN'T

WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN"

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### Movie

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even with an unrefined script, Haddish and Crystal have some nice moments. Their characters' relationship never tips into romance (the closest they get is spooning). But, if anything, "Here Today" proves that the dynamic Haddish can ably downshift and still be winningly charismatic.

"Here Today," a Sony Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for strong language and sexual references. Running time: 117 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

## Hurld Park Vision Open House this Satuday 10am - noon

The City of Woburn in collaboration with the Mystic River Watershed Association, are beginning a community-led visioning process of the former Hurd School and neighboring Hurd Park.

On Saturday, May 15th from 10am-noon an "Open House" will take place at the former Daniel P. Hurd School, 69 Bedford Rd, Woburn to discuss the future plans for the site.

Masks and social distancing will be required. The entire event will be held outside,

rain or shine. Participants will have the opportunity to walk the site, so wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

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90 Lexington St was sold to Beaufays, Theodore J and Campobasso, Christa E by Potter, Mark R and Potter, Karen for \$785,000 on 04/23/21

88 Mill St was sold to Zhu, Lixin and Qian, Yichen by Rosato, David A and Rosato, Julie F for \$1,025,000 on 04/21/21

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12 Audubon Rd was sold to Katalex Properties LLC by Magazzu, John E for \$100,000 on 04/22/21

5 Greenbriar Dr #202 was sold to Lowell, Brian and Lowell, Jessica by Marrano John R Est and Marrano, Robert P for \$275,000 on 04/20/21

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230 Martins Lndg #106 was sold to Strano, Joanne T and Strano, Joseph P by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$472,465 on 04/21/21

93 Old Andover Rd was sold to Desouza-Cardoso, Julio C and DaCardoso, Fabiani F by Silvia, Michael and Silvia, Cara for \$590,000 on 04/20/21

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2 Nina St was sold to Poynor, Michael B and Poynor, Alissa L by Sicari FT and Sicari, Angelo for \$865,000 on 04/21/21

61 Wright St #105 was sold to Alderson, Shawn by Ling, Jing Q and Li, Yanxi for \$350,000 on 04/21/21

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69 Foundry St #205 was sold to Connolly, Matthew F by Foundry Development LLC for \$450,000 on 04/23/21

69 Foundry St #210 was sold to Sullivan, Sean P and Sullivan, Rebecca A by Foundry Development LLC for \$472,000 on 04/21/21

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69 Foundry St #301 was sold to Oshea, Ryan M by Foundry Development LLC for \$470,000 on 04/21/21

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69 Foundry St #308 was sold to Raso, Christina E by Foundry Development LLC for \$560,000 on 04/22/21

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69 Foundry St #314 was sold to Williams, Bianca R and Foster, Davis A by Foundry Development LLC for \$475,000 on 04/21/21

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19 Pershing St was sold to Allen, Michael A and Casella, Allison M by RG Realty LLC for \$710,000 on 04/21/21

22 Pershing St was sold to Clorinda Properties LLC by Janice M Quandt RET and Rexford, Mary A for \$405,000 on 04/23/21

22 Salem St was sold to VC Detailed Prop LLC by 3 Oak Street RT and Shannon, Christopher A for \$380,000 on 04/20/21

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34 Ginn Rd was sold to Chieftain Const&Dev Inc by Ocallaghan, Mary A for \$1,015,000 on 04/23/21

60 Lake St #A was sold to Foster, Denis E and Foster, Irina A by Warriar, Roshan and Haridas, Divya for \$495,000 on 04/21/21

10 Marchant Rd was sold to Xu, Jingsong and Liu, Xiaowen by Marecek Miriam A Est and Zeman, Alenka for \$1,065,000 on 04/21/21

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38 Sargent Rd was sold to DaConceicao, Vania S and DaConceicao, Iuri L by Jain, Richin and Kamra, Akanksha for \$999,900 on 04/21/21

271 Washington St was sold to Marino, Matthew F by Scotti, A Joseph and Scotti, Petrina E for \$807,500 on 04/22/21

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3 Golden Ter was sold to Maney, Austin F and Dewey-Higborg, Hayley by Mathison, Christopher and Mathison, Ashley for \$670,000 on 04/22/21

11 Harlow Ct was sold to 11 Harlow Court LLC by Farino, Nam and Farino, Barry J for \$500,000 on 04/23/21

32 Main St was sold to Bhattachan, Samart and Sherchan, Chandani by Yu, Ning and Li, Xiang for \$675,000 on 04/21/21

653 Main St was sold to Vil, Danielle by Gyan Properties LLC for \$480,000 on 04/23/21

32 Northwoods Cir #32 was sold to Namukwaya, Immaculate and Lubowa, Martin K Venkataramani, Ramya and Krishnamoorathi for \$455,000 on 04/23/21

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# Baker-Polito Administration announces \$2.1M in new funding for Career Technical Initiative

DANVERS — The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$2.1 million in new funding to 10 vocational technical high schools as part of its Career Technical Initiative, to support additional training programs for students and adults. The funds will support training and skill-building programs in the construction, trades and manufacturing spaces across 23 different career pathways. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito made the announcement at a visit to Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School alongside members of the Governor's Workforce Skills Cabinet, students and school staff.

"As we vaccinate our residents and reopen our economy, our Administration remains focused on supporting businesses and workers to power our recovery, and the Career Technical Initiative will be a crucial part of that effort," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our Administration was committed to expanding these training opportunities for students and adults across the Commonwealth before the pandemic, and now this initiative takes on added importance as a crucial tool to connect people with new job opportunities and meet the needs of our employers."

"The Career Technical Initiative is an important component to our economic recovery, because it helps connect people with career pathways in high-demand fields and expand our skilled workforce so our businesses can grow and thrive," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Congratulations to today's recipients on these new awards, and we look forward to seeing these programs provide valuable training opportunities for people in growing STEM fields across the Commonwealth."

Initially launched in January 2020, the Career Technical Initiative aims to train an additional 20,000 skilled trades workers over the next four years to help close skills gaps and meet the needs of businesses across the Commonwealth. The program aims to provide more Massachusetts residents access to career technical training using the state's existing resources at vocational high schools, while simultaneously helping businesses grow by increasing the population of skilled workers able to be employed in trade and construction jobs.

"Getting people back to work is fundamental to our

strategy for economic recovery, and the Career Technical Initiative represents a major component that helps address skill gaps across the Commonwealth and opens doors to new career paths for students and adults looking to join the workforce," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "I want to congratulate all of the CTI grant recipients for their willingness to play a key role in maintaining the strength of the Commonwealth's talent pipeline and wish them the best as they embark on their careers in key industries powered by a skilled, growing workforce."

"As we look towards re-employment with a collective mission of fixing inequalities in the workforce, CTI will not just help people get jobs, but help them secure jobs in sectors that will remain in high demand for decades to come," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. "CTI could be a pivotal difference maker for eliminating opportunity gaps and helping all communities in Massachusetts access resilient good paying jobs."

"CTI is part of a larger strategy to ensure more students have access to career and vocational technical programs," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "Students in career and technical education gain not only academic knowledge and technical skills, but they also see how what they are learning applies to the needs of employers, which gives them an advantage in their future careers."

The Career Technical Initiative takes a multi-pronged approach to increase student enrollment and includes new state funding to help adults pay for classes, boosts business involvement in program development and credentials, and reduces licensure barriers to incentivize mid-career professionals to become vocational teachers. The initiative - developed by the Governor's Workforce Skills Cabinet - has the support of school leaders and industry stakeholders. The Baker-Polito Administration has proposed \$17 million in its Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) budget for this initiative.

An additional \$1,480,000 in FY21 funds are also currently available to continue to support the Career Technical Initiative. Vocational technical schools may also apply for funding available to new and existing Career Technical Schools to sup-

port additional career pathways and retraining for adult workers or for funding for planning and program design. Learn more about applying.

Since its inception five years ago, the Workforce Skills Cabinet has awarded more than \$92 million in Skills Capital Grants to high schools, colleges and other educational institutions to purchase new capital equipment and it has launched early college and early career programs at 60 high schools for over 7,000 students. To address the need to upskill workers and meet talent demand of employers, the WSC has worked across Secretariats to align funding that collectively trained 2,500 workers needing support and training for jobs in health care, finance, IT, and other high demand occupations at more than 700 companies through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund and the Learn to Earn Initiative.

In addition, the Administration prioritized growth in manufacturing by aligning manufacturing training resources under the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to train 2,004 individuals since 2016. To support companies' growth, the Skills Cabinet has invested grant dollars in companies to upskill their workforce through more than \$20 million in Workforce Training Funds grants to train existing workers at companies for more than 16,000+ existing employees working at 700+ different businesses in FY20.

## Career Technical Initiative Grant Recipients:

Greater Lawrence Technical School, \$375,000: Greater Lawrence Technical School will provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Biotech Lab Technician, Carpenter, Electricians, HVAC, Plumber positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center and Workforce Board and the following employer partners: Jones General Contractors, Ginkgo Bioworks, All-Pro Electricians, Capeless Plumbing & Heating, Marceau Construction Corp., CentiMark Corporation, National Mechanical Service Inc, Central Colling & Heating Inc, Correct Temp HVAC & Millipore Sigma.

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Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, \$100,000: Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District will provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Carpenter, CNC Machine Operator positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Metro Boston, Metro South/West, Metro North and North Central Career Centers and the following employer partners: Tecomet, Feinmann, North River Builders, Nova Biomedical, Rolls Royce.

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Greater Fall River Vocational School District, \$100,000: Greater Fall River Vocational School District will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Carpenter, Welder positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Bristol Workforce Board and Career Centers and the following em-

ployer partners: Davico Manufacturing, Dartmouth Building Supply, North Atlantic Corporation.

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School, \$540,000: Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for Welding, Electrical Technician, BioLab Technician, Automotive Services Technicians, HVAC, Plumber, Construction Craft positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire North Shore Workforce Board and Career Centers and the following employer partners: T.W. Webb Company, Cranney Home Services, National Mechanical Service, Tremblay Heating, Kelley Automotive Group, Mini of Peabody, Lyon Waugh Auto Group, Groom Construction, Menino Construction, Bilo Plumbing & Heating, Breen Sullivan Mechanical Services, partners: alem Metal, Inc., Krohne, Cotter Brothers Corporation, Local 22 Construction & General Laborer's Union, Groom Construction, Harmonic Drive, Innovent Technologies, Lyon-Waugh Auto Group, Mini of Peabody, New England Biolabs.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, \$90,000: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School will be using these grant funds to provide training and placement services to prepare unemployed and underemployed participants for CNC Machine Operator, Welder positions. Their grant partners include: MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center and Workforce Board and the following employer partners: Arwood Machine, Magellan Aerospace, Fairview Machine, Aero Manufacturing, Metacrafters, East Coast Welding & Metal Fabrication, Metal Tronics, LLC.

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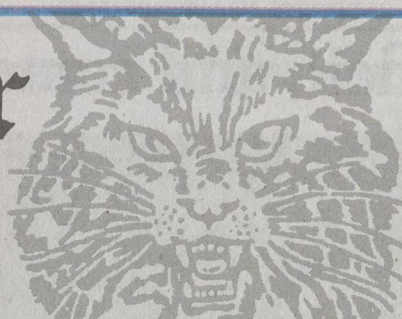
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# Jackson Gillis makes his pro debut

Appears in two games for the Carolina Mudcats; both successful outings from the bullpen

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ZEBULON, NC/WILMINGTON - It had been 23 months since the last time Jackson Gillis pitched in a game. A few weeks before helping Vanderbilt University win a National Championship in 2019, he had been drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers and from the time of his final pitch with the Commodores until last Thursday night, he was chomping at the bit with anticipation for first his professional appearance. The 6-foot-3, 235-pound southpaw threw six pitches and recorded all three outs to help the Carolina

spot in (Sunday's) game," said Mudcats' pitching coach Carson Cross, a former standout at UConn, who is friendly with Tewksbury's Scott Oberg. "He was able to strikeout four batters over 1.2 innings with a steady dose of his fastball and slider. Those are the primary weapons we will see from Jackson this season."

"He's got a very athletic delivery with a bit of funk to it and when he's in the zone hitters don't stand a chance. The sky is the limit for Jackson especially once he's consistently comfortable being back in competition."

The road back to competition was not easy. After

helped Gillis prepare for this season. In late March, he flew down to Phoenix, Arizona and spent the next month at the Brewers' Spring Training minor league complex.

"There were Single-A, AA and AAA (players) and also some extended spring training players (from the Brewers MLB team) so there were a good amount of guys there, but because it was shortened it was basically four weeks of all-out training and getting ready," said Gillis. "It was a lot of fun and I was able to see teammates and coaches who I hadn't seen in a while so it was really nice

games into this professional career.

"It has been awesome being able to see Jackson get his feet wet and get back into a game situation," said Cross. "The key for him this year is getting back to pitching in games consistently. This young man has been through a lot over the last couple of years and personally I have seen him push himself week in and week out since the draft to get to this point."

"In 2020, we were meeting up with some other (minor league hitters) to do live at bats with the hope of a season coming at some point. With last year being a missed sea-

son we did our best to simulate some work load so he would be ready for 2021.

"Leading up to Spring Training this year I was able to watch Jackson throw live to batters a few separate times each of which I was very impressed with. He was attacking the strike zone with all of his pitches and making the hitters look very uncomfortable."

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adjust to that (when I was at Vanderbilt), but now I have my routine set. I know what I need to do to get myself ready physically and mentally. I really like being in the bullpen now. It's grown on me a lot."

"I love (being a relief pitcher) - it was tough to

me confidence to use it in a game and put that to the test to see if what the analytics staff are saying is true, and I think it has proven to be a pretty good pitch for me so far. The more I work on it, the better I'll get with it, hopefully."

Cross said that so far, five weeks into being his pitching coach, Gillis appears to be heading in the right direction.

"In Arizona for Spring Training, Jackson showed some glimpses of what he did at home, but at times also seemed to be shaking the rust off again being back in uniform and playing against another team. Since making the trip out



Last Thursday, Wilmington resident Jackson Gillis made his professional debut pitching out of the bullpen for the Carolina Mudcats, the Single-A Affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. He retired the side in order and then on Sunday pitched 1.2 innings, giving up a run but struck out four.

(courtesy photos/Carolina Mudcats - Evan Moesta).



Mudcats, the Single-A Affiliate of the Brewers, defeat the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, 12-2, held at Five-County Stadium.

"I was excited because it was my debut, but once I was out there, I felt comfortable," he answered about if his nerves were getting the best of him.

After that scoreless inning, he was back at it on Sunday, throwing 1.2 innings of relief in an 8-5 win over the same Fayetteville team. This time, Gillis went 1.2 innings, throwing 33 pitches with 21 for strikes. He gave up a solo home run, but struck out four of the other five batters he faced.

"(Jackson) was outstanding for us in a big

being drafted, the Brewers asked Gillis to attend their spring training facility and just work-out for the next two months. Once that minor league season ended, he came home and continued to work out, train and throw for what would have been a normal off-season. That was the case until COVID-19 hit, which canceled the entire professional minor league baseball season.

"I just treated it like I was back in off-season mode and went back to working out and throwing bullpen (like sessions) and just tried to stay as ready as I could," he said.

All of those days lifting weights, running and throwing side sessions,

to be there with everybody from the organization."

Gillis said that during that month the team trained, there were some intra-squad games, as well as scrimmages against other teams, namely the Mariners and White Sox.

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"(Waiting 23 months) was tough for sure," he said. "Any chance I get to play, I'll take it," he said.

"It was a great feeling (once I found out). I was able to come out here to Carolina along with some

here to North Carolina, it's been awesome to see him start to settle in."

Being the first person since almost 30 years ago when Jason Bere made his professional career in the Chicago White Sox organization, certainly means a lot to Gillis.

"It's been a dream of mine my entire life. It's been something that I have worked towards for what feels like forever, but it just means a lot to me," he said. "My debut was a real special moment and I don't take that lightly. I'm really proud of being the only other guy (from Wilmington) besides Jason Bere, so hopefully one day I can follow in his footsteps."

"I like the slider is going to be a really food pitch for me so I'm just trying to use it as much as I can, while I get as many of these early reps in," he said, "I've been able to see that with different analytical information from our analytical staff and how (the slider) could be used and could be effective. That's giving

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## Wilmington Little League Round-Up

# Jake Driscoll tosses a gem to lead Orioles past the A's

Majors:

Orioles 16, A's 2

Jake Driscoll went the distance on the mound for the Orioles striking out nine A's while only giving up four hits, to give the Orioles the win. Orioles hitters included Mickey Moroney (three hits), Evan Jageler, Gavin Poirier and Driscoll with two hits each, and Jackson Hegerty, Luke Hurley, Cael Considine, and Ryan Fitzgerald.

The A's had hits from Evan Walsh, Max Bagtaz, Jackson Cippolle, and Jack Cyr. A's pitchers Theo Bryson, Devin, MacDonald, and Jackson Cippolle, struck out eleven Orioles hitters.

Strong defense was

played by catchers Jackson Hegerty for the Orioles and Matt Roque for the A's.

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

A great pitchers duel between Julien Martins of the Yankees and Gavin Poirier saw the Yankees come out on top 3-1. The Orioles took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a single by Gavin Poirier, who later scored on a stolen base.

The game would remain 1-0 until the fourth inning, when the Yankees would score three on walks by Martins and Matt Boyer and a double by Jonathon Stokes.

Martins struck out nine Orioles, while Poirier struck out 13 Yankees.

Tommy MacGilvray had the only other hit for the Orioles. Great defense was played by Caden Merritt and Max Glazer of the Yankees, as well as Luke Hurley of the Orioles.

AAA:

Braves 2, Rays 2

After a rainout earlier in the week, the Braves were excited to hit the field to host the Rays. The teams battled to a 2-2 tie, when they ran out of time.

The Rays jumped out to an early two-run lead when Jake Gaspari smoked an RBI double into the outfield, scoring Nick Cummings. A fine defensive play by Brandon Bodine ended

the inning with an unassisted putout at third base, just after the second run had been scored by Cam Jong, preventing any further damage.

In the second inning, Braves pitcher Julian Escobar worked out of a bases-loaded jam when he was able to snag a ground ball and toss the ball to catcher Connor Jamieson for a force out at the plate to end the threat.

The Braves pitchers Escobar and Griffin Crowe then shut down the Rays offense until the final inning. Ryan Biggins tried to stretch a triple into an inside-the-park home run and was caught from behind and tagged out by the speedy third

baseball, Patrick Jamieson. Crowe showed great fielding range from the pitcher's mound to grab a ground ball and fire to first baseman Bodine to make the final put out, keeping hope alive for the home team Braves.

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# Wildcats erase a seven run deficit, and come back to win by seven

## Baseball team scores 17 runs in a wild win over Burlington

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WILMINGTON - You probably will never see a game like this again.

On Saturday morning, the Wilmington High School Baseball team, who two days earlier won the first battle 10-2, hosted Burlington High for round two.

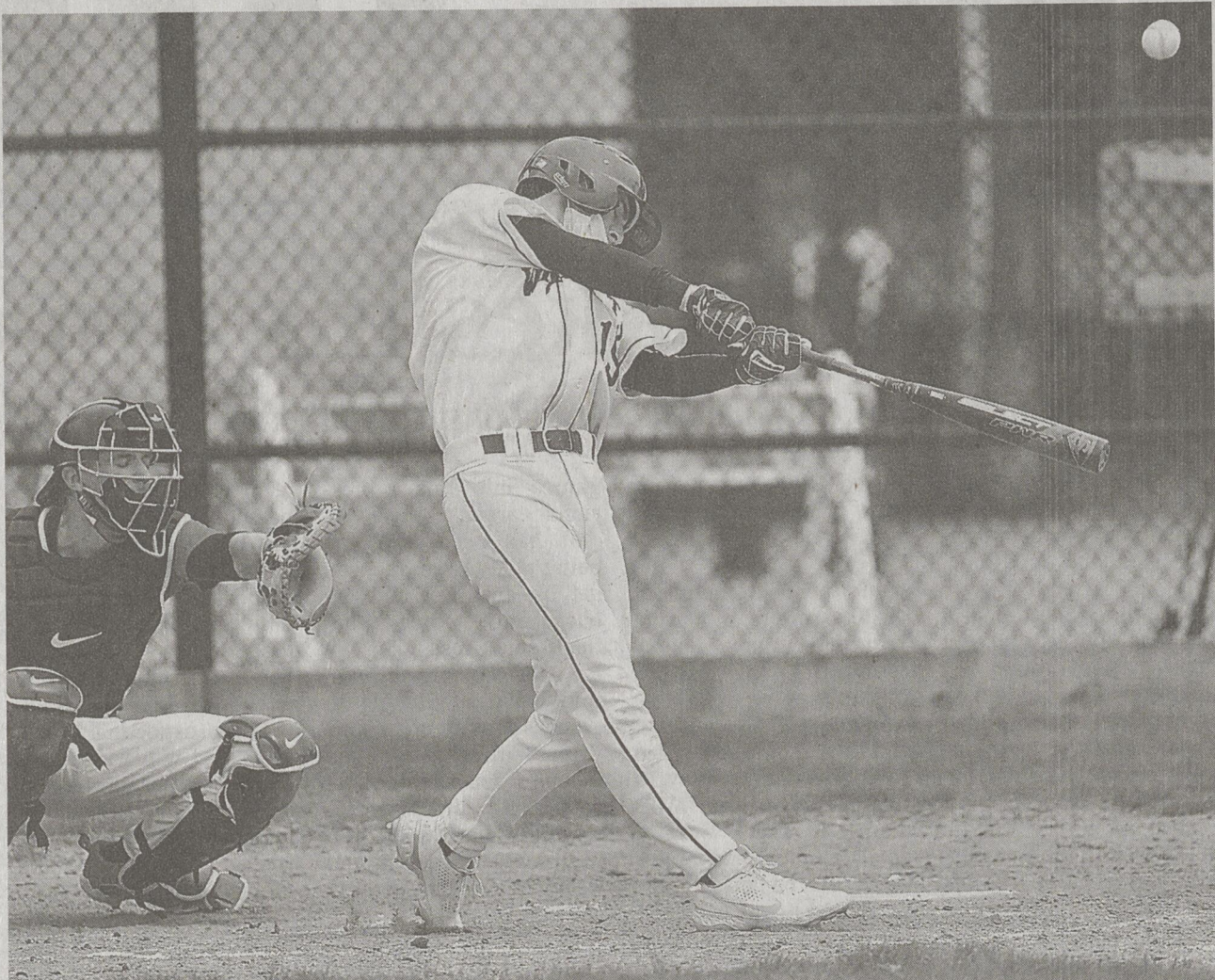
After spotting the Red Devils a 7-0 lead after the top of the first and a 9-1 lead going to the bottom of the fourth, the Wildcats combined to score 16 runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to come away with a wild 17-10 victory played at the Scanlon Memorial Field.

This one had just about everything - 27 combined runs, seven pitchers were used, there were 12 walks issued, seven guys hit by a pitch, a balk, a defensive interference call, two wild pitches, a passed ball, four errors, while Burlington left eight guys on base and Wilmington left ten, including eight in scoring position.

"I don't ever remember (coming back like) that, but I tell you that we got down early and usually (when that happens) I get a little antsy, but I was really OK knowing how the kids hit on Thursday," said Wildcat head coach Aldo Caira. "They were swinging the bats today. This is an aggressive team and they love to hit. I didn't think we would score 17 runs, but we'll take it. We had some clutch hits."

Wilmington totaled 13 hits in the game, while all but one spot in the line-up had at least one RBI. On the other side, the 'Cats gave up just two earned runs in the final six innings, and one run over the last five, after all but one of the first nine batters reached base safely, as part of that seven-run top of the first.

"(Starting pitcher) Tyler (Fenton) had a bit of a sore arm going into it so we need to watch



During Saturday's wild 17-10 win over Burlington, above, Matt Vinal takes a rip at a pitch and below, Garrett Moretto tries to apply a tag at third base. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



that," said Caira. "He really didn't have much on his pitches today, but he wanted to battle and he did, just unfortunately it didn't work out (this time)."

Fenton came out with one out in the inning and Burke Zimmer, who tossed a scoreless inning on Thursday, got two fly outs, the first to score the seventh run of the inning.

Burlington added two more runs in the top of the second on three hits and were up 9-0.

The 'Cats got one back in the home half as Garrett Moretto singled, went to second on a wild pitch and two batters later scored on a RBI single by Marcello Misuraca, who had himself quite the day finishing 3-for-4 with four RBI, three runs scored and was also hit by a pitch - on base all five at bats.

Zimmer tossed a scoreless third before being lifted for Jack Twoomey, who tossed a perfect 1-2-3 in the fourth, getting the first two batters to strike out before center fielder Derek Gallucci made a nice diving grab for the third out.

That gave Wilmington some momentum in the home half of the fourth. The 'Cats sent 13 batters to the plate with eight scoring. Misuraca led off the inning as he was hit by a pitch and went to

second on a single by Twoomey. After that came two walks, a fielder's choice groundout, a HBP and two-run single by Moretto, another HBP, a defensive error, a two-run single by Twoomey and then an opposite field flare RBI double by Jimmy McCarron making it a 9-9 ballgame.

Burlington went ahead scoring one run in the top of the fifth, but the 'Cats answered with four more in the bottom half on a bases loaded HBP, a bases loaded infield single by Misuraca, a RBI groundout by Twoomey and then a RBI single by Joe Dynan to make it 13-10.

Wilmington wasn't done as they scored four more in the bottom of the sixth on a two-run single by Misuraca, a RBI single by McCarron and a balk.

Twoomey, gave up two harmless walks, retiring all but two of the last ten batters he faced but

because of the pitch count, he was lifted with two outs and one on, and Jacob Roque recorded the final out to end the three-hour game.

Besides Misuraca, Twoomey was 3-for-4 with three RBI and scored two runs, while he was also the winning pitcher, going 3.1 innings, giving up one run on one hit, while walking four and striking out five.

"Jack was unbelievable. He was the star of the game, absolutely. He was 3-for-4 and then his (relief) pitching. Marcello also had a big day - he was on base every at bat," said Caira.

Moretto and McCarron both had two hits and two RBI each, while Drew Gallucci, Nico Piazza, Derek Gallucci and Dynan had one RBI each.

"We do (get contributions from everyone). It's something that hasn't happened in a long time is where are getting

clutch hits. I know it's early and just the second game of the season, but hopefully we can keep this trend up and if we do, we'll be in good shape," said Caira.

In the first game, the teams were tied at 2-2 after the first inning before Wilmington added eight more runs over the next five innings for the win.

Dynan was the winning pitcher as he went six innings, giving up two earned runs on two hits, while walking four and striking out ten.

"Joey pitched a nice game," said Caira. "He threw 104 pitches, he walked four guys and that was basically because he threw too many balls on the first pitch. That's what I have been trying to really harp on these guys is to throw first pitch strikes to get ahead and to also eliminate some of the pitches they throw with the pitch count now in effect. Burke came in and finished the game with a nice 1-2-3 and he didn't do too bad today either. He kept us in the game and that was huge."

Offensively, Wilmington was led by Drew Gallucci who went 3-for-5, scored two runs and knocked in four. He led off the game with a double and scored the first run thanks to a hit by Nico Piazza. Marcello Misuraca was the only other multi hit Wildcat going 2-for-4, scoring a run and knocking in one run.

Others contributing single hits were Piazza (run and 1 RBI), Matt Vinal (double, run and 1 RBI), Garrett Moretto (run and 1 RBI), Derek Gallucci (double and 1 RBI), Joe Dynan (run scored), McCarron scored two runs and Nate Packer scored one.

Jacob Roque played a flawless shortstop making several key defensive plays said Caira.

Wilmington faced Wakefield on Tuesday and were defeated 8-0, to fall to 2-1 on the season. The 'Cats made a lot of contact, but a lot of it went to the Wakefield shortstop, third baseman and center fielder.

Wilmington managed five hits with Matt Vinal going 2-for-3, while Misuraca, Garrett Moretto and Ryan Forcina had one each.

Joe Dynan was the pitcher of record evening out his personal record at 1-1. He lasted four innings gave up nine hits, eight runs, only six were earned, walked four and struck out 2. Sophomore Jacob Roque finished the game for the Cats going two scoreless innings giving up two hits no strike outs or walk.

Wilmington next hosts Wakefield at Scanlon Field on Saturday May 15th at 1pm and then will also host Melrose on Tuesday for a 4 pm start.

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#### Middlesex League Fall 2 All-Stars

##### Girls Indoor Track

Kaitlyn Doherty: 55m Dash

Amanda Broussard: 300m

Celia Kulis: 55m Hurdles

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Sam Juergens: 55m Hurdles

Sean Riley: 1000m

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##### Girls Volleyball

Khrystyna Fedynyak

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In last week's issue, the Town Crier wrote feature stories on two WHS Athletes, Stephen Smolinsky and Willie Stuart, who because of the abbreviated seasons, were able to participate in four varsity sports this school year. Above are the nine student-athletes who did it at the sub-varsity level, which is also a pretty impressive feat. The group includes from left: Charlie Rosa, Jonathan Foresyth, Aidan Burke, Patrick Stokes, Thomas Burns, Sarah LaVita, Gabby Kulevich, Shaylan Bresnahan and Neda Stoeva. (courtesy photo/WHs AD Mia Muzio).



## After snoozing in game one, 'Cats wake up and attack in next two games

By JAMIE POTE  
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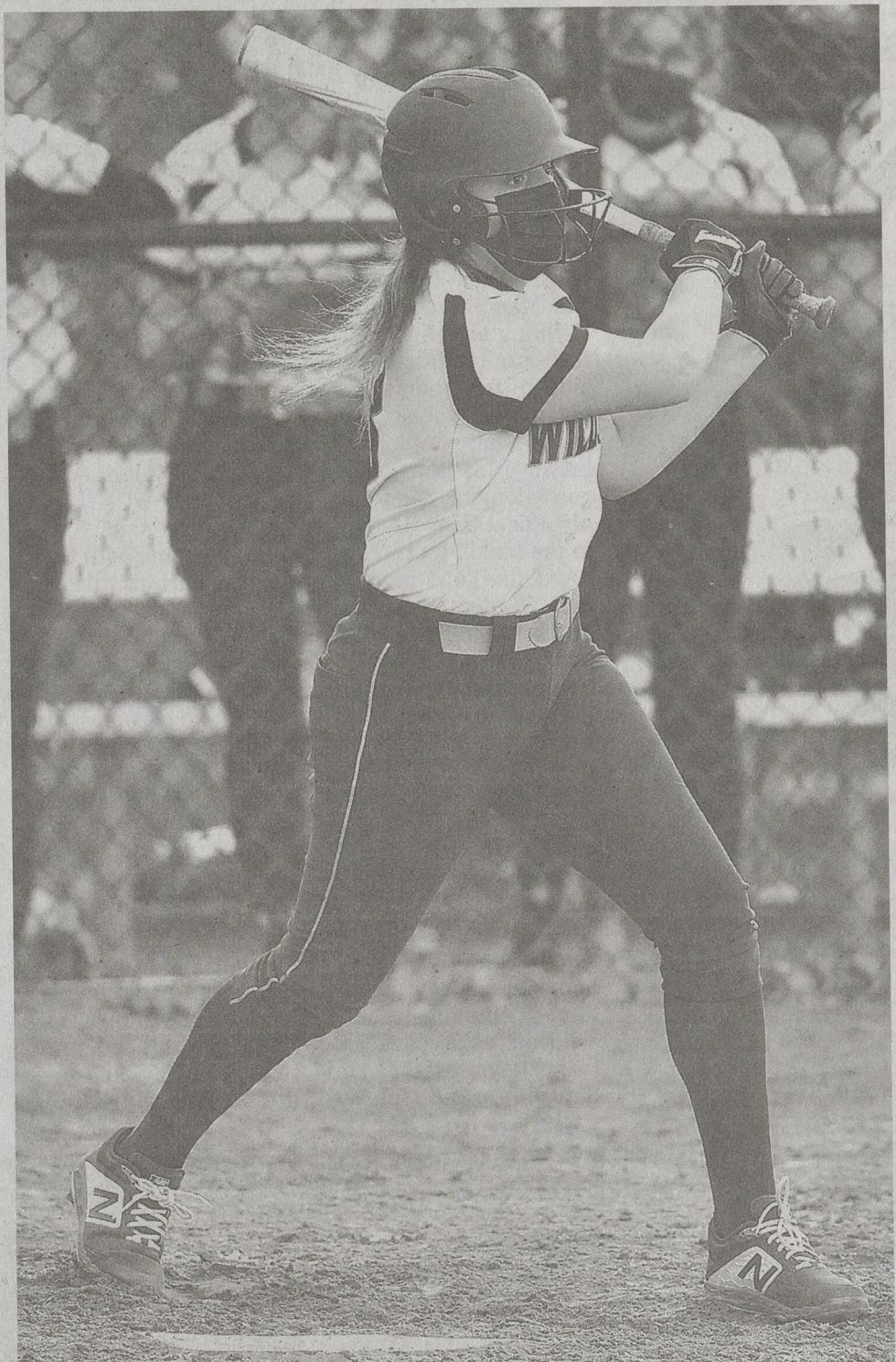
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BURLINGTON - After taking one off the chin to open the season - losing 11-1 last Thursday night - in the words of sophomore pitcher Audrey Powers, the Wilmington High School softball team "woke up" on Saturday morning to avenge that knockout loss with an 8-6 win over the reigning nine-time Middlesex League Freedom Division champions of Burlington played at Marvin Field.

The teams were tied at 3-3 before the 'Cats scored two in the top of the sixth and three more in the top of the seventh. Burlington made things interesting by scoring three more in the bottom of the seventh but the 'Cats held on to split the series.

"I feel like in the first game we were down and everything was like 'oh we're not going to beat them', but today we woke up and were ready to play," said Powers.

Two days earlier, the 'Cats batters struck out 16 times and didn't get their first hit until the seventh inning against Burlington's pitcher Cecelia Imbimbo. On Saturday, the first hit came with the third batter of the game, while the 'Cats struck out just nine times.

"Before (Thursday's) game, the girls came down early and we put the (hitting) machine at 56 (miles per hour)," said assistant coach Walter Babcock. "I think it helped with some players, but once they saw her for the first time and had three at bats, they were ready for their fourth, fifth and sixth at-bats and the strikeouts went down from 16 to nine. We did a better job of putting the ball in play. Our small ball today was a big dif-



Wilmington High Softball player Sofia Scalfani takes a rip at a pitch during last Thursday's season opening loss to Burlington held at Aprile Field.  
(photo by Bob DeChiara).

ference. We put pressure on their defense and we saw the results (that we wanted)."

Wilmington took leads of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 before getting those five runs in the last two innings. In the

first, Jenna Sweeney reached first on an error, was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Powers. Bella Kieran followed with a single, moving Sweeney to third, before stealing second. Abby

LeClair followed with a sacrifice fly scoring Sweeney.

In the second, Ashley Crawford walked and went to second on a wild pitch, before aggressive base running on a

dropped third strike and throw to first, allowed her to score from second.

Burlington tied it up in the bottom of the third, only to see the 'Cats score another unearned run in the top of the fourth. LeClair reached on a two-base error, and three batters later scored on a perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt by freshman Lily MacKenzie making it 3-2. Again Burlington tied it up in the bottom of the fourth.

The score remained 3-3 until the top of the sixth until the 'Cats scored two runs on a single, walk, wild pitch, error and another suicide squeeze bunt by MacKenzie.

Now at 5-3, the 'Cats scored three more in the top of the seventh as Ashley Crawford crushed a two-run triple to score Powers and LeClair, before she scored on a defensive error.

Burlington dis strike for three in the bottom of the seventh on a double, walk, two-run triple and a defensive error, but Powers shut down the door on her eighth and final strikeout on the day.

In just her second varsity start, and against such a powerful team like Burlington, Powers did a tremendous job on the mound. She gave up just four earned runs on eight hits, while walking four, hitting a batter and striking out the eight. Especially early on in the game, she displayed a nice change-up, which she said she's been working on quite a bit lately.

"I recently had a different change-up and I changed my change-up to what it is now. I changed it from a horseshoe type to more of a flip," she explained. "I had done it before so I just went back to it. I left it because I was struggling with it but it's a pitch where I have the

speed, it just needs work with (getting more) consistency, and I think that's an easier change, than actually changing the speed up with the pitch I was doing before because the speed was actually too fast."

Added Babcock, "The flip change is not an easy pitch to master. I know a few girls who have had success with it and a few girls who did not have success with it. It's a timing pitch. When it does work, it's a real tough pitch to hit."

Offensively in this game, no Wilmington batter had multiple hits, but Sweeney, LeClair and Crawford were all on base three times each, combining for two hits, five walks, two stolen bases, three RBI and seven runs scored. MacKenzie had two RBIs on her bunts, while, Tori Gemellaro and Kieran had the other hits.

On Tuesday night, Wilmington defeated Wakefield, 8-4 to improve to 2-1.

Trailing 1-0 in the first, Wilmington rallied back and scored four runs behind a single by Sweeney, a walk to Powers and singles by Kieran and LeClair.

Sweeney had another single and scored a run in the second inning and Kieran blasted a RBI double.

LeClair led the way going 3-for-4 with three runs scored and a RBI and MacKenzie had 2 RBI.

Powers notched the win, going the distance and striking out 12.

Wilmington faced Wakefield in the back end of the home-and-home series on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime. The 'Cats will travel to Melrose on Tuesday for their next game.

## Girls Track team continues to run away from another ML opponent

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WILMINGTON - Before the season started, Wilmington High School Girls Track coach Brian Schell said a big goal for the team this spring was to hopefully finish with a winning record, something that hasn't been done since he has taken over.

Last Thursday, the 'Cats took the first step in that quest with a convincing 87-49 win over Burlington in the Middlesex League Freedom Division league opener.

"Burlington is always a tough team and this meet we brought it to them. I told the girls if we want to continue where we left off from the last season, everyone would have to bring their 'A game' and that they did. To say there was only a few standout performances would be an understatement as we had roughly 20 girls extremely

close to having a personal record or in fact did. A lot of girls showed that versatility doubling and tripling up as well."

Both Celia Kulis and senior captain Katie McLaughlin had big performances. Kulis took home three first places, and McLaughlin won two individual events. The duo combined for 25 of the team's 87 points.

Kulis took home firsts in the high jump (4-8), 100-meter hurdles (16.3) and triple jump (32-2.25).

"I said it before and Celia is one the most versatile athletes on the team," said Schell. "She can run, jump and throw. She is quick to pick up every event and like she did the hurdles last season. This meet she simple crushed the triple jump for her first time. You can tell between her power and flexibility she just floated in every phase."

McLaughlin was tops in the 400-meter hurdles

(1:13.7) and the 800 (2:35.5)

"Like any leader should, Katie set the tone of the meet crushing the first event and just missing her personal record," said Schell. "She doubled up and came back only to crush it again in the 800. Both races she simply looked phenomenal. Smooth splits and flawless races given it was the first meet of the season. She just straight up crushed it."

The other individual to win two events was Sarah LaVita, who took the discus with a personal best throw of 88-5 and she was also the best in the javelin, tossing it 93 feet.

The combination of Madi Mulas, Ali Doherty, Molly MacDonald and Kaitlyn Doherty all had big days, too. Collectively, they combined to win the 4x100 relay with a time of 51.7 seconds.

"These four also crushed it from the start to finish,"

said Schell. "Training the handoffs paid off and were smooth the entire race. Madi had a great start on the gun giving Ali the lead, who also held strong on the back stretch. A great exchange between Ali and Molly helped her gain a big lead for Kaitlyn who hammered it in."

In addition, Kaitlyn Doherty was first in the 100-meter dash with a personal record of 12.8 seconds and third in the triple jump at 30-1.50. Mulas was second in the 200-meters with a personal best time of 28.2 seconds, while Ali Doherty picked up a third in the 100 (13.2) and MacDonald did the same in the 800 with a time of 2:58. All in all, the four girls combined to score 16 points.

The last individual to place in multiple events was Amber Flynn, who was second with a personal best throw of 29-11 in the shot put, second in the discus at 85-8 and was third in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:58 as she collected seven of the team's points.

Taking home five points each with first places included Mallory Brown, with an epic 36-second personal best time in the mile at six minutes even, Hannay Bryson with her incredible 27-second personal best in the two-mile coming in at 13:24, as well as Amanda Broussard with her 61.4 time in the 400-meters.

Other second places were earned by Angie Zaykovskaya in the 400-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 1:15.6, Olivia Erler in the two-mile (13:58) and Kayla Flynn in the high jump (4-8).

Rounding out the scoring with third places included Shea Cushing in the mile (6:07) and Isabelle Puccio in the discus, throwing a personal best 78-7.

"Overall, this was a great way to start off the season. The girls came

out strong and hopefully we can continue to carry this momentum into the


next two meets," said Schell.



Molly MacDonald also lets one go in the shot put from the Fall-2 season.  
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Isabelle Puccio unleashes the shot put during a Fall-2 Track Dual Meet.  
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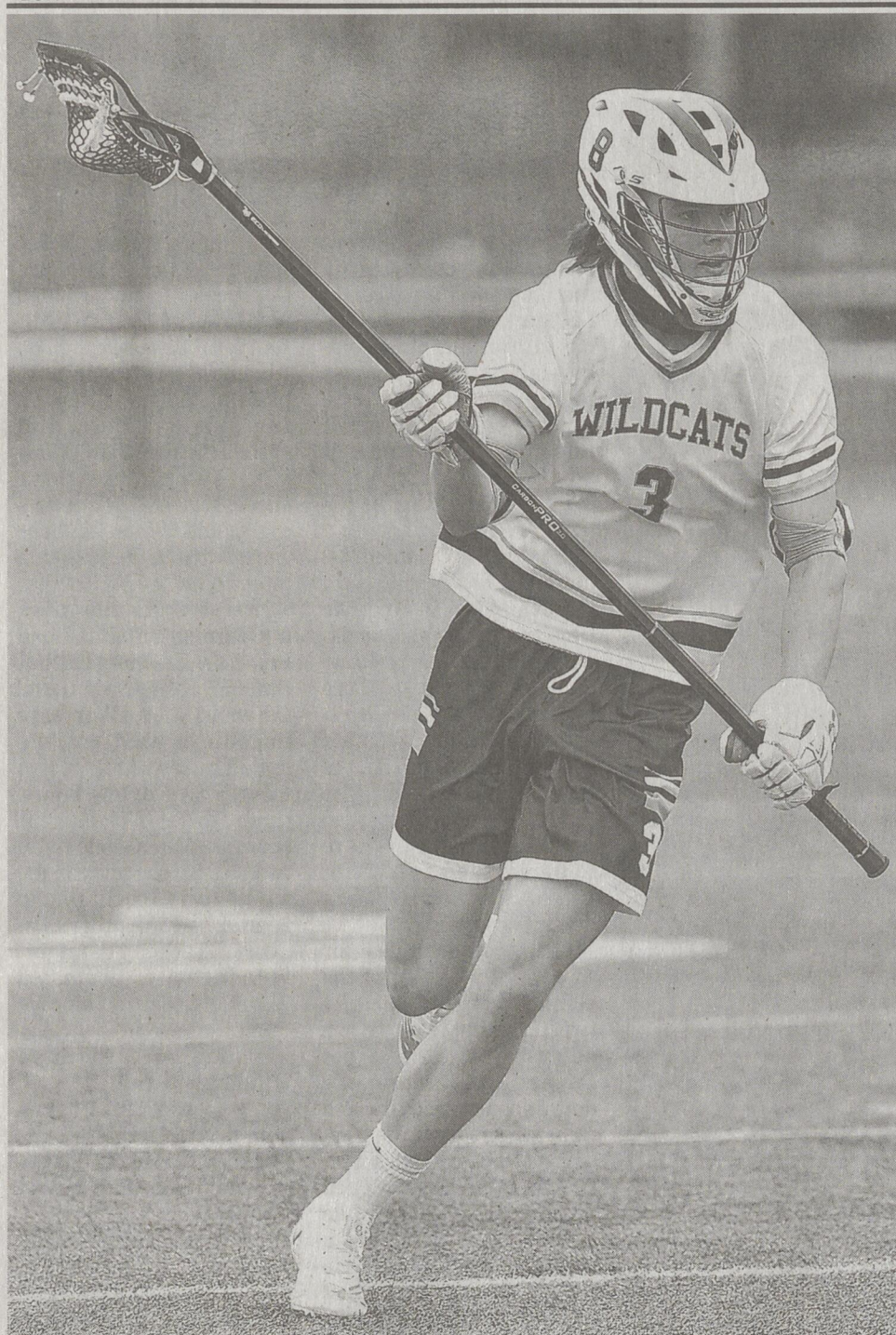
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Wilmington's Luke Murphy runs up field with control of the ball during Saturday morning's loss to Burlington. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

## After a strong start, 'Cats take backseat to Burlington in opener

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WILMINGTON - Things could not have started out much better on Saturday morning for the Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse team in the early going of their home opener against Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Burlington at Wilmington High, as the Wildcats scored just 15 seconds into the game to grab an early lead over the Red Devils.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats they could not maintain that fast start, with Burlington taking over from there on their way to a 14-4 victory, dropping the Wildcats to 0-2 on the young season.

Earlier in the week, last Thursday, the Wildcats had dropped an 11-4 decision to the Red Devils in Burlington in the season opener for both teams. Despite the slow start, new Wilmington coach Jeff Keefe was able to take some positives out of the opening week, as he looks ahead to the rest of the season.

"We can go some pretty long stretches of having some defensive strength, making sure we keep our opponent at bay, limiting their opportunities, and we play hard," Keefe said. "What we want to work on is just being more consistent throughout the game, making sure we play all 48 minutes, and not going through those ruts and those lulls, that's when we can get exposed."

The Wildcats started fast in this one, when Matthew Pendenza fired a shot from the slot just 15 seconds into the game to give Wilmington a quick 1-0

lead. The lead was short lived, however, as Burlington came right back with a goal of their own just over a minute later to tie it up. The Red Devils would dominate the rest of the first quarter as well, taking a 5-1 lead after the first 12 minutes.

Wilmington was not without their chances, as junior attack Keegan Gray put a nice shot on net with just under six minutes left, while senior Shane Robert had a good bid of his own with two minutes left, but each time the Burlington goaltender was up to the task, keeping the Wildcats at bay.

The game was actually still fairly close at 3-1 late in the first quarter until Burlington scored a pair of goals within ten seconds of each other in the final minute of the quarter. Freshman goalie Bruce Green Audette, stepping in for starter John Rhind, had no chance on either of the late first quarter goals, as Burlington used some great passing to set up point blank shots right in front of the Wildcats net.

Green Audette actually came up with some big saves in this one, including early in the second quarter when he stoned a Burlington attack man who was all alone in front of the Wilmington net.

"John was taking the SAT's today, so we wish him luck on that. School comes first," Keefe said. "We will be happy to have him back on Monday. That was a tough spot for Bruce today as a freshman going against some good competition. But he made some good saves. He is going to continue to

grow as a player and the more experience he gets, the better player he is going to be."

Burlington, however, would tally twice more before the end of the half, and take a comfortable 7-1 lead into the break.

After an early third quarter goal by Burlington, Wilmington junior captain Gavin Erickson pulled the Wildcats within 8-2 with 5:02 left in the quarter, but that was as close as the Wildcats would get, with Burlington scoring the next five goals in the third and fourth quarter to take a 13-2 lead with 5:39 left in the game.

The young Wildcats showed some fight however, with freshman Michael Lawler scoring back-to-back goals with 5:31 left and again with 2:47 left to pull Wilmington within 13-4, before Burlington tacked on the final tally with 1:26 left in the game.

The Wildcats were back in action on Wednesday afternoon, taking on Freedom Division rival Wakefield on the road at Landrigan Field, with results of the game not available as of the Town Crier's press time. They will host Wakefield in a rematch on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. at Wilmington High before taking on league rival Melrose the following week.

"We definitely have some tough competition coming up, but we think if we get out there and play our best, it is an opportunity for us to raise the level of our game and make our program stronger," Keefe said.

At 120 pounds, Winchester's Anthony coaching staff is excited. "It was a great way to start the season - this was a great dual meet. There was a lot of energy in the gym. We looked to Shane, Joe, Stephen and Dylan Clerico to set the tone and they did. They bumped away from Shane, the other three got some solid wins. They were a great influence on the younger kids like Julien Cella who came away with a pin in his first varsity match."

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## Girls fall twice, but have improved along the way

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WILMINGTON - This past week was not exactly the start that coach Bill Manchester and the Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team had envisioned for themselves, but for a young team which is hoping to improve as the season goes along, it was probably a necessary first step in the building process.

And the good news for the Wildcats is that despite suffering a pair of rather lopsided losses to Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Burlington, the improvement they are seeking this season was already on display from one game to the next against their more experienced opponents.

After opening the season with a 13-2 loss at home to the Red Devils last Thursday, the Wildcats came back just two days later on Saturday and played

Manchester felt that his team's inexperience and perhaps a lack of confidence, played big factors in the season opening loss.

"Really it was just Ida and Kylie taking shots. There was some uncertainty among the other girls who had not played varsity or for a lot of them, any high school lacrosse at all," Manchester said. "But that will come with time. It also hurt us that we fell behind, because then people start to panic a little and don't want to make a mistake. That's part of what comes with having an inexperienced team right now."

The results on Saturday weren't a lot better for the Wildcats as far as the scoreboard was concerned, as fell by a score of 16-6, but in Manchester's eyes, his team took a major step forward.

"We had a good practice on Friday, and then a socially distanced

Burlington, however, would score the next four goals of the game before DuCharme scored her fourth game of the game with six seconds left in the quarter to make the score 9-5 in favor of the Red Devils heading into the final frame.

Burlington dominated over those final 12 minutes, with only a Bishop goal interrupting a seven-spice goal barrage by the Red Devils to account for the 16-6 final.

"I think we just kind of ran out of gas there," Manchester said. "We just need to get our legs under us a little bit, which will come with time."

Among the bright spots for the Wildcats in the loss, both Saturday and Thursday was the play of senior goalie Shannon Murphy, who made 18 saves on Saturday, after making 16 on Thursday.

"Once again Shannon was outstanding. A lot of her saves came on one on none opportunities for



Taylor Breen of Wilmington tries to defend and take the ball away from Burlington's Isabella Colozzi during last Thursday's season opening loss held at Alumni Field. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

much better, despite suffering a 16-6 road loss to the same opponent.

"Obviously, it was not how we wanted to start, but we have only five seniors on the team with varsity experience and everybody else is new," Manchester said. "For our sophomores, this past week was their first varsity experience."

On Thursday, in the season opener for both teams, the Wildcats trailed 7-1 at the half before suffering a 13-2 defeat. Seniors Kylie DuCharme and Ida Bishop scored the only goals for Wilmington, while senior goalie Shannon Murphy made 16 saves in the defeat.

"The first few minutes of the game were good, but once Burlington scored the first goal, you could see that we were a little shell shocked," Manchester said. "I think the speed of the game was a little different for them, and they had a hard time adjusting to it, with it being their first time getting that kind of experience."

Burlington led 4-0 at the end of the first quarter before DuCharme got the Wildcats on the board early in the second quarter. But Burlington would extend their lead to 7-1 at the half and 12-1 at the end of three quarters, before Bishop got the Wildcats back on the board midway through the fourth quarter on an assist from Jess Collins.

team function on Friday night," Manchester said. "And you could see it on Saturday, there was just a different kind of enthusiasm around the team before the game."

Despite that enthusiasm, it was Burlington who once again got off to the fast start, taking an early 5-0 first quarter lead. But from that point on, it was a much different Wilmington team over the next two quarters before Burlington blew the game open in the fourth quarter.

Bishop got things started for the Wildcats with a goal late in the first quarter to make the score 5-1 after the first 12 minutes. DuCharme followed with two straight goals in the second quarter, that coupled with the Wildcats shutting out the powerful Burlington offense, sent the teams to the half with Wilmington trailing only 5-3.

"We shut them out for the quarter, which is incredible. It was the best lacrosse I have seen us play over a 12-minute span in my two years as coach of this team," Manchester said. "At halftime we really felt like we were right in the game and we could play with them."

That feeling only increased when DuCharme scored just one minute into the third quarter to pull the Wildcats within 5-4.

them," Manchester said. "She kept us in the game. It was the same on Thursday, where she just made some unbelievable saves."

Along with Murphy, Manchester was also pleased Saturday with the play of several other players, including junior Rhiannon Dymont, as well as sophomores Ava DeProfio, Jess Collins, Kathy Smith and Sloane McIntyre. He also felt that senior Alexia Bittarelli and Zoe DeRose played very well defensively.

"I felt like for the majority of the game we held our own and even played better than Burlington at times," Manchester said. "We just need to be more consistent. Our offense is trailing our defense at this point, but we will work on that this week, and we will keep improving."

The Wildcats hosted Freedom Division rival Wakefield on Wednesday, with results unavailable as of the Town Crier's press time, and will travel to Wakefield on Saturday for a rematch.

"I am very optimistic and looking forward to seeing what kind of changes we are able to make with a couple of days of practice," Manchester said.

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WILMINGTON -- Last Thursday, the Wilmington High School wrestling team opened its season with a meet against Winchester and fell just short, 34-29.

Five members of the Wildcats' team took home victories including Joe Ganley (138) with a 15-0 win over Kieran Bell, Julien Cella (145) with his first varsity victory, as he pinned Joey Testa, Dylan Clerico at 160, Stephen Smolinsky pinned George

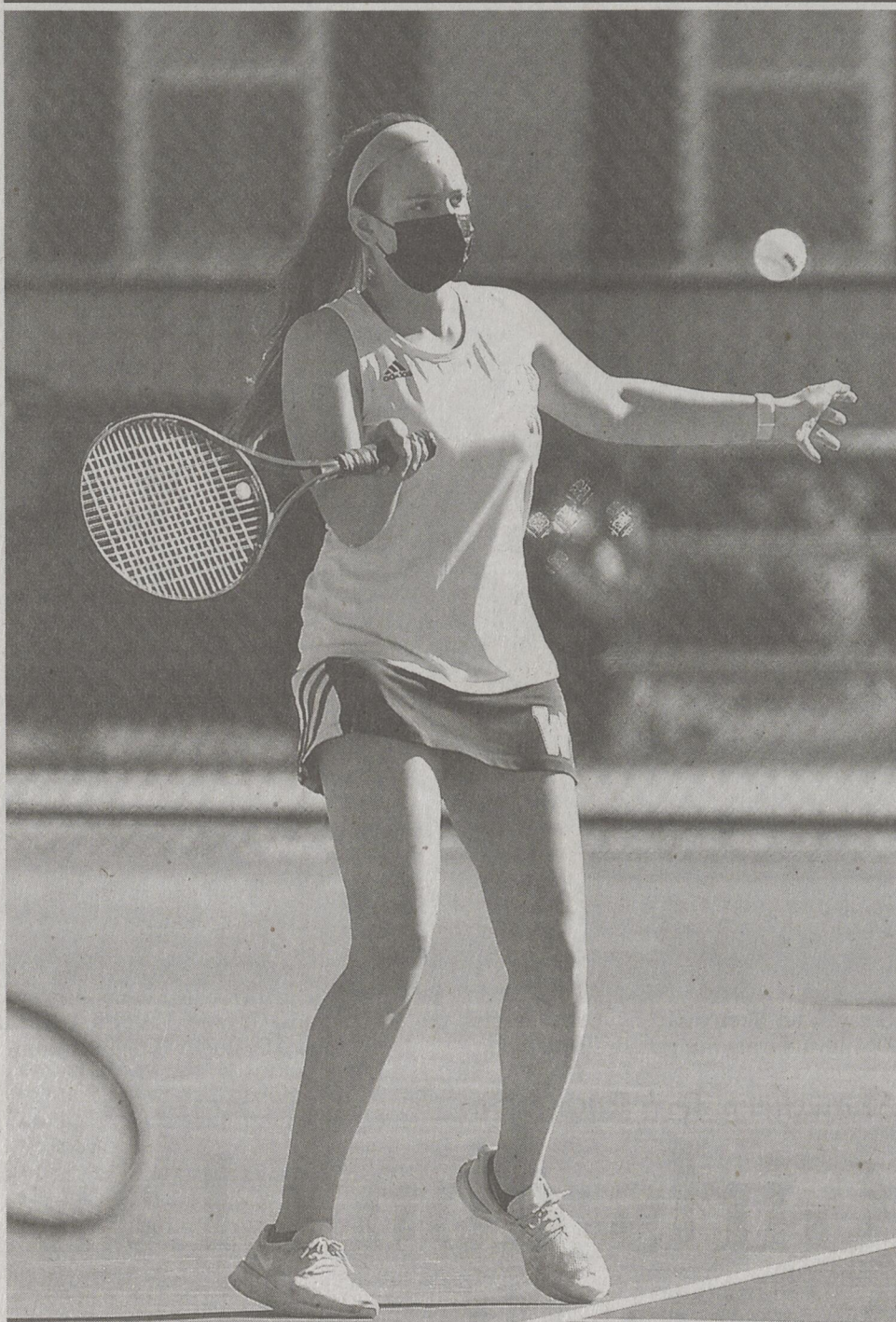
Jia at 182-pounds and Shane Penney won by forfeit at 132 pounds. That was his 99th career win. On Tuesday night he won his 100th and the Town Crier will have more on that in next week's edition.

"It was great to be able to get wrestle - plain and simple," said coach Joel McKenna.

"Getting approved only a few weeks ago to having practice almost the next week, to competition less than ten days later has been an awesome undertaking. The kids are excited,

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Wilmington Girls 3rd Singles - Carolyn Haas-Timm, playing third singles for the WHS Girls Tennis team, returns a volley during Thursday's season opening meet against Burlington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## On the tennis courts, Wildcats compete against tough ML teams

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WILMINGTON - With only four returning players from the 2019 squad that went 11-6 and qualified for the state tournament there were bound to be some bumps in the road in the early going of the season for the Wilmington High Girls Tennis team.

Add to that an opening week which featured a pair of matches with defending Middlesex Freedom Division rival Burlington, and those bumps became like barriers for the young Wildcats squad, who despite some strong individual efforts, suffered a pair of 5-0 defeats to the powerful Red Devils last Thursday and Saturday. The Wildcats wrapped up their opening week with a 4-1 defeat in a home match with Wakefield on Tuesday afternoon, dropping them to 0-3 on the young season.

"Part of it was just timing," Wilmington coach Matt Hackett said. "They came out of the gate playing the defending league champs. You had to be kind of realistic about our chances. But sometimes it is good to get these kinds of matches out of the way early in the season."

"It would be hard to expect us to come out and beat a team like Burlington out of the gate. But I will say that in our second match with them,

we had a much better effort all around. We had improvement in all five spots."

The Wildcats matchup with the best the league had to offer seemed to prepare them well for their next match on Tuesday, when hosted Middlesex League rival Wakefield. Although they dropped a 4-1 decision to the Warriors, they were much more competitive in each of their matches, while senior Lauren D'Arco picked up a win in first singles by a score of 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

"That was a great win for Lauren," Hackett said. "And, as I told her after the match, that a first singles win in the Middlesex League for Wilmington is something to be celebrated. I don't care how you get it, you just take it and be happy with it, because they are hard to get."

"She did a great job. She had to adjust her play a little from her Burlington opponent, because as opposed to trying to overpower the girl from Burlington, she had to outlast this one," Hackett said. "Her opponent was very good and very smart, but Lauren did what she had to do."

Hackett also saw improvement throughout the rest of the lineup, with both doubles teams stepping up their game considerably. Senior Johanna Robinson junior Alyssa Fricia played well in first double as did the freshman duo of Maddie Benoit

and Sophia LaVita in second doubles.

"I love the enthusiasm and leadership of both Johanna and Alicia, both on and off the court," Hackett said. "This is a big step up for them, coming from JV and second doubles and I am so proud of them for how well they have done. That a big step up, and I am confident they will string together some wins once they get some more experience."

He has also liked what he has seen from senior Vidhi Shah at second singles and sophomore Carolyn Haas-Timm in third singles.

"Vidhi is playing as free and easy as I have seen her play in a while, so if she keeps that up, she will have some wins coming her way," Hackett said. "Carolyn has been showing tremendous consistency in her strokes, which is why we have her in the lineup in the first place. She has done a great job with that so far, and she is only going to get better."

Hackett is expecting more wins throughout his lineup as the season goes on, thanks primarily to the effort he has been seeing from each member of his team.

"This is a great group of girls," Hackett said. "They are a hard working, great group of athletes. I really couldn't ask for anything more out of them at this point."

Top Burlington twice and Wakefield for 3-0 record

## Boys Tennis team off to a smashing start

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Heading into the season, Wilmington High Boys Tennis coach Rob Mailey knew that his team was in a better position than most to deal with missing a season's worth of playing time. The Wildcats were bringing back virtually their entire roster from their 2019 team that had shown so much promise in qualifying for the state tournament.

It's impossible to tell what rest of the season holds in store of course, but for one week anyway, the Wildcats gave every indication that they could be ready to embark on a very successful season, as they swept a pair of matches from Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Burlington last Thursday and Saturday.

did not know other at the beginning of the season, but they are bonding together quickly."

In Thursday's season opening win, Karani and Packer rallied from 1-4 down in the third set to win a marathon 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 match to seal the victory for Wilmington.

Other winners on the day for the Wildcats included junior Anay Gandhi at first singles, who had a comeback win of his own, taking a 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 victory, while freshman Anuj Gandhi earned a 7-6, 6-2 victory in second singles.

On Saturday, as Mailey very eloquently stated, it was a case of Deja Vu all over again for the Wildcats, as they once again earned a 3-2 victory over Burlington, this time on their home court.

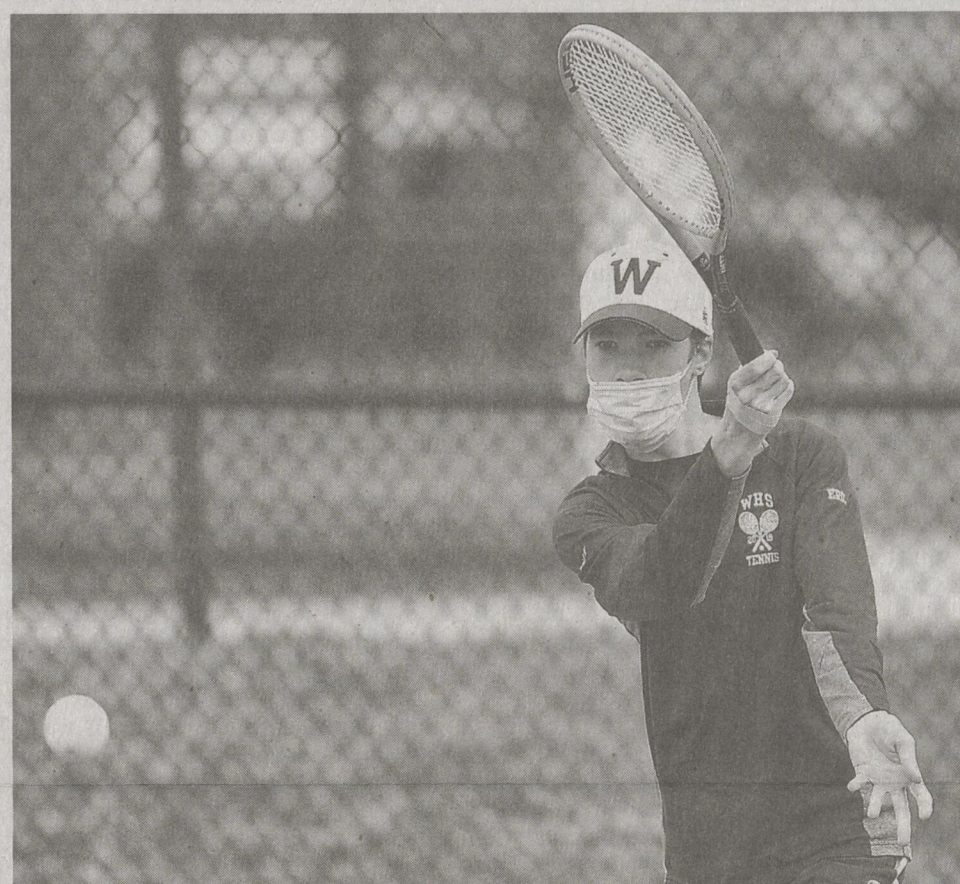
Once again Karani and Packer had the clinching match, this time coming

leading the way with strong serving. Michael played very well for an eighth grader playing his first varsity match. With six freshmen, the future is promising for Wilmington Boys Tennis. We have the makings of a very good season."

On Tuesday, the Wildcats traveled to Wakefield to take on a Warriors team that also brought a 2-0 record into the match. Heading into Tuesday's match, Mailey knew the Warriors would provide a good test for his team.

"Those will be a couple of tough matchups, because they are also undefeated," Mailey said at the time. "This week will tell us a lot. I am expecting a couple of close matches."

Mailey certainly proved to be prescient in his analysis, as the Wildcats prevailed in a close, hard



Wilmington High Freshman Eric Packer sends a shot back over the net during Saturday morning's win over Burlington held at the WHS courts. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

The 'Cats won both matches in dramatic fashion by scores of 3-2.

The wins are believed to the first ever over the Red Devils in Mailey's eleven years as head coach of the Wildcats.

In both matches, the Wildcats were led to victory by wins by their top two singles players, Anay and Anuj Gandhi, as well as their first doubles team of freshmen Sidd Karani and Eric Packer, who won each of their matches in dramatic fashion to clinch the two wins for the Wildcats.

"I am really proud of the kids. I don't think we have beaten Burlington since I have been coaching here, let alone back to back," Mailey said. "This team is mentally tough beyond their years of experience. That first doubles team especially, with two freshman who

back from a service break down in the third set to win 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

The Gandhi brothers remained undefeated as Anay cruised to a 6-2, 6-3 victory while Anuj rolled to victory a strong opponent 6-4, 6-2.

"Anay and Anuj are playing as well as ever, and as long as they are doing that, we will be a tough team to beat," Mailey said.

Senior co-captain Colby Scaplen fought hard in defeat going down 7-5, 6-0 in third singles, while the second doubles team of Ryan Weinstein and Michael Smaroff fell by a score of 6-2, 6-3.

"Colby played well. The kid he played from Burlington was very strong. We are looking for big things from Colby this season," Mailey said. "We battled well in second doubles with Ryan

fought 3-2 victory, while also likely finding out a lot about their team.

Wilmington got a pair of clutch three set wins by the Gandhi brothers and a dominating win by Scaplen on their way to the victory.

Anay Gandhi won at first singles by a score of 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, while Anuj won his second singles match 7-6, 5-7, 6-1. Scaplen powered his way to victory, winning in straight sets 6-1, 6-3. The first doubles team of Karani and Packer lost 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while Smaroff and Hayden Kane lost 6-2, 6-2 in second doubles.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm when they host Wakefield in a rematch of Tuesday's matchup.

## Wrestlers split first two meets

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Donlan pinned Luke Vitale. At 126 pounds, Noah Caffery defeated Wilmington's Adam Lopez, 10-2. At 170 pounds, Nick Doyle was pinned by Winchester's Steven Rozamanith. At 195 pounds, Winchester's Napoleon Juderman pinned Nick Sullivan. Lastly, Brian Duggan (152) and Dempsey Murphy (220) both put forth strong efforts but were both pinned.

"Brian Duggan went up for the first time and took down a state place finisher in his first match. When he learns more of the sport, Brian is going to be tough as nails. He's not afraid of getting physical, and that can be a big obstacle for some.

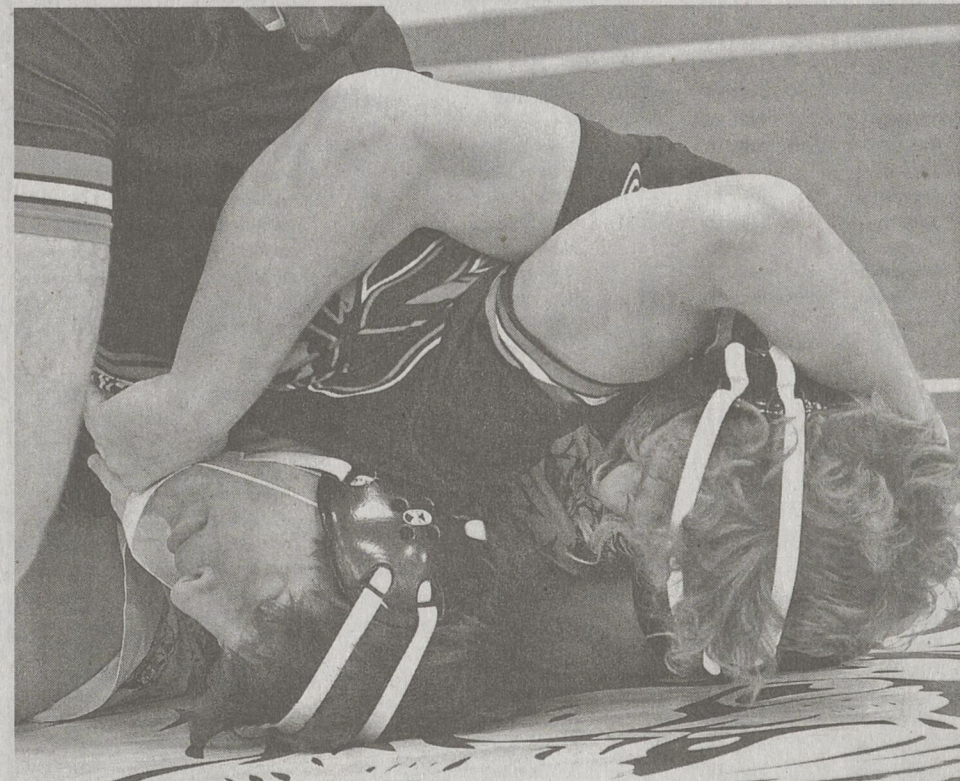
"Dempsey's got a great attitude and is looking to make an impact last year. He's another one that isn't afraid of getting physical with his opponent. Kids with that type of mindset can be hard to find now a days, but they can make a big difference."

On Tuesday night, Wilmington defeated Belmont, 42-24, to even the team's record out to 1-1. Picking wins via pins included Vitale at 120 over AJ Sweet, Penney for his 100th win over Jaden O'Connor and Cella at 152 pounds over Oleg Polin, while, Adam Lopez, Joe Ganley, Joe Kullman and Stephen Smolinsky all won by forfeit.

Dylan Clerico and Nick Sullivan were defeated in

their matches.

"It was great to get win number one of this short season," said McKenna. "Some of these guys kept the win train going. Penney, Ganley, Smolinsky all came out on top. Julien Cella had a great match. He ended up pinning his opponent after bumping up a weight class. Julien is an incredible athlete. He can make things happen when you least expect it. Bumping up in weight isn't the easiest thing to do as a freshman, but he's not afraid of the challenge. Also picking up some wins were Luke Vitale, And Joe Kullman. Nick Sullivan also battled hard coming out on the short end."



Wilmington's Brian Duggan (right) works against Winchester's Elan Kourafalos during the WHS Wrestling team's season opening meet held Friday night at the Cushing Gymnasium. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Wilmington High Boys Track team storms back with gigantic win

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WAKEFIELD - After losing to a potent Burlington team in the team's season opening meet last Thursday, the Wilmington High School Boys Track-and-Field came back strong on Tuesday to defeat another strong Wakefield team in a tight back-and-forth contest, 74-62.

"Huge team win. Wakefield has very talented kids in many events. We were able to capitalize on several field events, like javelin, triple jump, and high jump. However without some key performances in the running events victory would have been very tough," said head coach Mike Kinney.

There were a number of key performances and moments in this exciting meet, but certainly the 800-meter race was the top highlights. Needing points at the time, Sean Riley was able to take first with a time of 2:01.3 and Pat O'Mahony was third at 2:04.6 giving the 'Cats six points, and a big momentum swing.

"Those two performances were key. Wakefield is stacked in the distance events, the 800, the mile and the two-mile and without four senior distance runners really stepping up there is no way we would have one," said Kinney.

He mentioned the four senior distance runners, which also includes performances by Owen Surette who was second in the mile at 4:45 (also second in the 400 at 56.3 and third in the javelin at 116-10) and Sean Lydon, who won the two-mile at 10:47, as those four guys brought home a combined 18 points.

"Owen and Sean's times were particularly impressive given a strong head wind around the back half of the track," said Kinney.

While those four guys had their moments, another

turning point of the meet came in one event the 110-meter hurdles as Wilmington swept it thanks to the efforts of Nehemiah Camara, who was first at 16.6 seconds, Sam Juergens, who was second at 17.3 and Chris Wong, who grabbed a third place with a 17.8 second time. In addition, Juergens was first in the high jump clearing 5-4 and second in the triple jump with a leap of 38-6.25. Those three combined for 17 points.

"During the indoor season hurdles was our best event, so we have been leaning on these guys all year," said Kinney. "Nehemiah Camara won the hurdles for the first time with a league best time of 16.6 just edging out captain and leading point Sam Juergens. Chris Wong grabbed a third in the hurdles, and this trio along with John Ware who placed second in the 400 hurdles (with a time of 63.1 seconds) should make for a formidable hurdle relay team."

Isaac Avila's day can't be missed either. He was first in the long jump at 17-7, first in the javelin throwing a league best 141 feet and then was a part of the winning 4x100 relay team, which at the time was in a must-win mode, joining Willie Stuart, Nate Rebinskas and Camara, who had a combined time of 46.9 seconds. Avila on his own scored 11.25 points.

In the other field events, Lusa Smilijic was second in the high jump (5-2), Tyler Sheehan was second in the discus (92-2) scoring his first varsity points and Lucas Gorham was third in the shot put, throwing 33-3.

Stuart was first in the triple jump at 39 feet, second in the 200 at 23.5 and part of the winning relay team as he contributed with 9.25 points.

In the sprints, Jeandre Abel and Colton Sullivan

(with a personal record) took second and third in the 100 at 11.4 and 11.7, while Abel was also third in the 200 at 24.5 seconds and finally Evan Shackelford picked up a big point with a third place in the 400-meters with a time of 59.1 seconds.

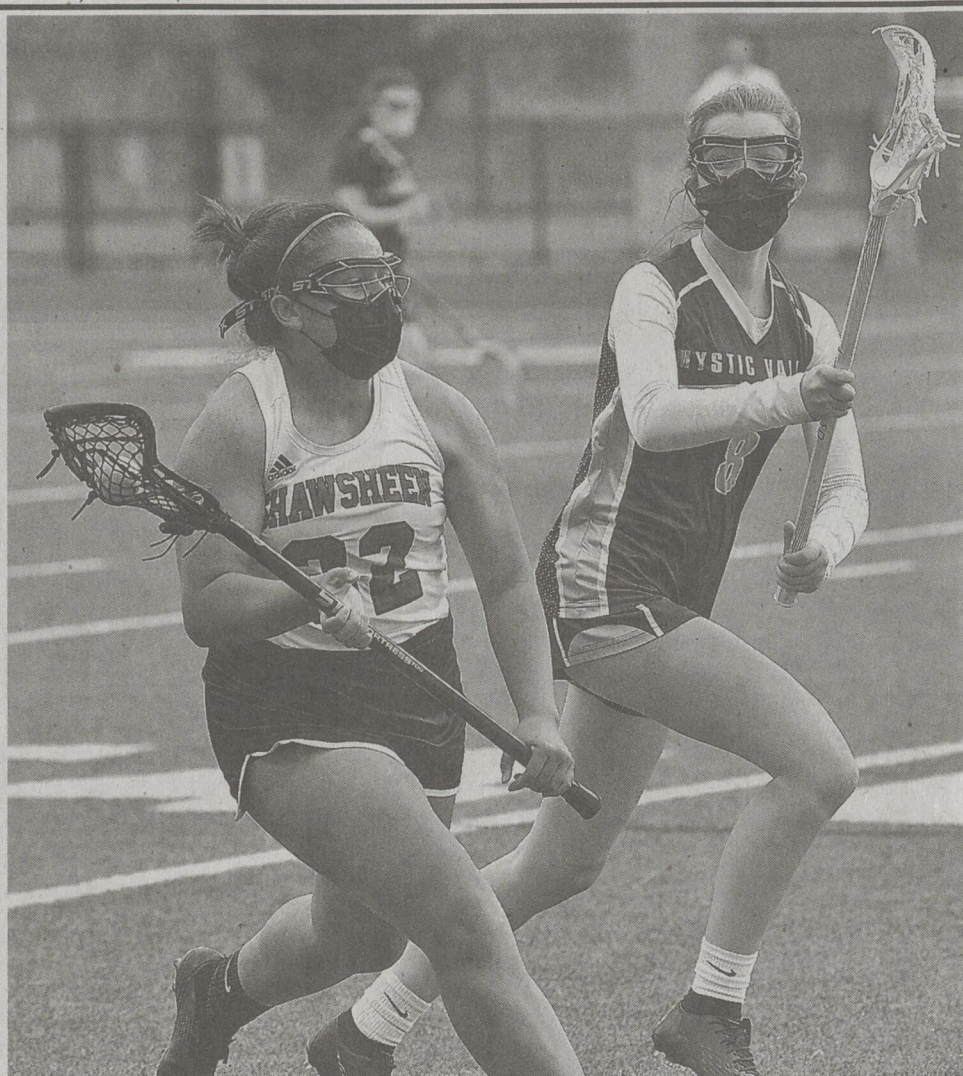
"Every point mattered and so many kids contributed," said Kinney. "It was one of the best high school track meets I have ever been a part of. I give a lot of credit to kids for bouncing back after Burlington and rising to the occasion."

In last Thursday's season opening 91-45 loss to Burlington, Wilmington had four first places to lead the way. Surette took home the mile at 4:47.8 and he was also third in the javelin at 126-11. Abel was first in the 100 at 11.7 seconds and was also third in the triple jump at 38-11.50. The other firsts came from Juergens in the 110-meter hurdles (16.7), who was also second in the high jump (5-6) and Stuart in the triple jump at 40-5.

Avila and Riley both took home a pair of second places, with Avila in the long jump (18-7.25) and javelin (131-6) and Riley in the 400 (personal best time of 53.9) and mile (4:48.9). Ware was also second in the 400-meter hurdles coming in at 62.7 seconds.

The scoring also included third places from Israel Camara in the 110-meter hurdles (17.3) and Wong (65.2) in the 400-meter hurdles.

"Burlington was determined to defeat us and it was a tough meet. They were 5-0 in the Fall-2 season and they knew that we posed a threat to their win streak," said Kinney. "Their depth really was too much for us. It was a tough start to the season but there were many positive performances."



Shawsheen Tech's Gabby Ortiz carries the ball against Mystic Valley's Daniela D'Alleva during Saturday's home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

### Shawsheen Tech Round-Up

## Girls don't Lax in resiliency

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BILLERICA - It is very early in the season, but the Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team has already shown themselves to be a very resilient group. After suffering a heartbreaking 13-12 defeat to defending CAC champion Mystic Valley in their season opener on Saturday at Shawsheen, the Rams had to travel to face the same team on Monday for a road game, with memories of the season opening loss still fresh in their minds.

But rather than being discouraged or intimidated as they hit the road, the Rams were instead motivated, and turned that motivation into a 17-11 win over their nemesis, who had narrowly edged them out for the league title last season.

The Rams were led on Monday by a remarkable eight goals from senior attack Devin Sweeney. Sweeney also had three tallies in the season opening loss on Saturday, and coach Alex O'Reilly has been amazed with her level of play to this point.

"Devin looks so good this year," O'Reilly said. "She has always been a great student athlete, and lacrosse is in her blood. She has been playing since elementary school, and she plays for Laxachusetts and plays all summer long. That has set her so far ahead of everyone else, and she deserves it. Nobody has to tell her to work this hard, she just does it on her own."

Sophomore Kerry Brown added four goals for the Rams in Monday's win, after also tallying three on Saturday. Unlike Sweeney, Brown joins the Rams this season without a lot of experience, but she has not let that hold her back.

"This is Kerry's first season playing high school lacrosse, but she is very confident in her ability," O'Reilly said. "She doesn't hesitate, like a lot of new varsity players might have. She picks things up quickly and she is not afraid to take a risk."

Sophomore Kiley McFadden of Tewksbury is another newcomer to the varsity program, but she has also stepped into a key role very quickly, scoring three goals in Monday's win after scoring twice on Saturday.

"Kiley kind of reminds me of Devin when she started," O'Reilly said.

"She doesn't want the glory. She is always looking to find her teammates instead. And that is great, but she also needs to have confidence in herself and in her ability and know that she can do it herself. She just needs that extra little bit of confidence. Everybody else knows she can do it, but she has to know it herself."

While the Rams had plenty of offense, they also got some big saves in net from goalie Jenna Johnson, who had ten saves in Monday's win.

"Jenna was really great today (Monday)," O'Reilly said. "One of our defenders, Sarah Comeau is kind of our leader on defense, but Jenna is getting more and more confident and she is doing great back there. She is doing a great job of learning to play the position and she is only going to get better."

Just as Johnson has improved and taken a step forward, so has the rest of the team, which has caught O'Reilly a bit by surprise given the limited practice time at the start of the season, as well as the number of new players.

"I am just so taken aback by how well we have meshed together despite not having much time to play together," O'Reilly said. "Right now we are meeting expectations, but as I told the girls, the next step is to surpass those expectations. I am happy that we seem to be headed in the right direction. The wins will come if we just keep working together and having fun and enjoying our season."

### WRESTLING

The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team got their season off to a fast start this past week, earning a hard fought 39-24 win over CAC rival Greater Lawrence Tech on Saturday in the first wrestling match ever at the newly dedicated Mark Donovan Gymnasium, named in honor of the long time and current coach of the Rams.

This was a back and forth battle throughout the contest, with the teams trading leads early on before the Rams took over down the stretch.

Starting a 152 pounds, Shawsheen jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead on a win by fall by Frank Foti, who pinned his opponent at the 3:59 mark. Shawsheen extended their lead out to 12-0 on a pin in just 11 seconds by Devin DeLuca at

160 pounds and then 15-0 on a 5-3 decision by senior captain Diondre Turner of Tewksbury at 170 pounds.

Greater Lawrence would bounce back, however, taking the next three matches, (182, 195 and 210), all by pin to suddenly take an 18-15 lead. Senior Xavier Santiago righted the ship for the Rams at 285 pounds, pinning his opponent at the 2:20 mark to give Shawsheen a 21-18 lead which they would never relinquish.

With No Contests declared at both 106 and 113, the score remained 21-18, and when Joe Woodward won his match by forfeit at 120 pounds, the Rams extended their lead to 27-18.

Lucien Tremblay pretty much sealed the win for the Rams with a pin in just 15 seconds at 126 pounds, making the score 33-18, although the Reggie's did get a glimmer of hope with a win by pin at 132 pounds. That glimmer was quickly put out by Austin Dube, who won by pin in just 25 seconds at 138 pounds to make the score 39-24 in favor of the Rams, and that is how the match would end after a No Contest at 145 pounds.

### BASEBALL

The Shawsheen Tech Baseball team picked up a pair of big wins in very different styles to open their season this past week. The Rams kicked off their season last Friday afternoon on the road with a 13-3 blowout of Essex Tech last Friday, before coming back the very next day and winning a 2-1 pitcher's duel at home against the same opponent.

In Friday's season opener, the Rams were led on offense by junior Owen Duggan, who had two hits and scored a pair of runs. Meanwhile, senior Connor Maguire and sophomore Mavrick Bourdeau each had one hit, two RBI and two runs scored, while Adam Kearns had a base hit and three RBI on the day. Shawsheen scored five runs in the top of the first to set the tone for the day.

"This was a great way to open up the season after a year off," Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy said. "It was great to see a number of guys contributing in this one. We got some good pitching and defense. Then, some timely hits when it mattered most. Lots of guys got on base that day, everybody stepping up

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## Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Tewksbury High Sports</b>				
Thursday	May 13	V Girls Tennis	at Haverhill	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Boys Tennis	vs Haverhill	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Baseball	vs Haverhill	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Lowell	5:30 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Softball	vs Haverhill	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Boys Lacrosse	at Lowell	6:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Boys Tennis	at Haverhill	3:30 pm
Friday	May 14	V Girls Tennis	vs Haverhill	3:30 pm
Friday	May 14	V Baseball	at Haverhill	3:45 pm
Friday	May 14	V Softball	at Haverhill	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Lowell	5:30 pm
Friday	May 14	V Girls Lacrosse	at Lowell	6:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Wrestling	vs Haverhill	6:00 pm
Monday	May 17	V Boys Tennis	at Andover	3:30 pm
Monday	May 17	V Girls Tennis	vs Andover	3:30 pm
Monday	May 17	V Baseball	at Andover	3:45 pm
Monday	May 17	V Softball	at Andover	3:45 pm
Monday	May 17	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Chelmsford	4:00 pm
Monday	May 17	V Girls Lacrosse	at Chelmsford	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Wrestling	at Andover	4:30 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Softball	vs Andover	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	B/G Track	at Chelmsford	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Girls Tennis	at Chelmsford	3:15 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Boys Tennis	vs Chelmsford	3:30 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Softball	at Chelmsford	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Baseball	vs Chelmsford	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Andover	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Boys Lacrosse	at Andover	7:00 pm
<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Friday	May 14	V Boys Tennis	vs Wakefield	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Girls Tennis	at Wakefield	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Wrestling	at Melrose	6:00 pm
Saturday	May 15	V Girls Lacrosse	at Wakefield	9:00 am
Saturday	May 15	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Wakefield	9:00 am
Saturday	May 15	V Baseball	vs Wakefield	1:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Baseball	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Softball	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Boys Tennis	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Girls Tennis	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Wrestling	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Girls Lacrosse	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	B/G Track	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Boys Tennis	at Melrose	4:00 pm
<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	May 13	B/G Track	vs Northeast	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Softball	vs Lowell Catholic	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 13	V Baseball	at Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Girls Lacrosse	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Baseball	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Friday	May 14	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Northeast	5:30 pm
Saturday	May 15	V Wrestling	vs Nashoba Tech	10:00 am
Monday	May 17	V Tennis	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Monday	May 17	V Girls Lacrosse	at Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Monday	May 17	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Essex Tech	5:30 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Baseball	vs Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	May 18	V Softball	vs Northeast	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Tennis	at Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Boys Lacrosse	at Essex Tech	5:30 pm
Wednesday	May 19	V Wrestling	vs Whittier Tech	6:00 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Softball	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 20	V Baseball	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 20	B/G Track	vs Whittier Tech	4:00 pm



# Rams Track teams ready to clear some hurdles

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BILLERICA - Both the Boys and Girls Track teams at Shawsheen Tech will open their season on Thursday afternoon when they host CAC rival Northeast Metro Tech at the Charles H. Lyons Athletic Complex.

After missing out on the 2020 season due to the pandemic, both squads will be looking to build on successful 2019 campaigns, where the boys squad were champions of the CAC League Meet, while the girls posted a 10-1 overall record, giving them the best winning percentage in the history of the program.

But, like most teams, it will be a much different group that takes to the track and field for the Rams this season than in 2019. While the Rams would normally have upwards of 100 athletes trying out for the squad this year's numbers were much more modest, with a total of 55 athletes coming out, which included 15 on the girls side and 40 for the boys.

Despite the low numbers, the enthusiasm level of those who did come for team has not been dimmed at all.

"I came to find after talking to other coaches in the league that we are not alone. Everybody graduated a lot of people and then just the timing of the season has kept the numbers down a little," McGrath said. "But it has been great to be out there. The cabin fever hit us all, I think, so it has been great for the coaching staff and great for the kids to be back out competing again. The smaller group is a little more

manageable so we are able to get a lot of teaching into a kind of small window we have in the preseason."

With the numbers down across the board, the veteran members of the Rams squad will become more important than ever. With seven or eight boys returning from the 2019 squad as well as four or five girls, McGrath will be looking for many of them to step up this season.

"We are kind of depending on the upperclassmen to teach the underclassmen about the culture we want to establish here, and they have been doing a nice job with that," McGrath said. "And we have had some pleasant surprises as well. Some of our underclassmen have done very well. So, I am very optimistic in that way, and I think the kids are feeling that way as well."

With only five regular season meets, and no post season, at least as the moment, the Rams are eager to get started. While many of the lineup positions were still being worked out at the time McGrath spoke to the Town Crier, some of athletes he knows he will be counting on will be his captains on each side.

For the girls, that means seniors Susanna Gillis, Shelby Bourdeau, Eryn Ward and Jacqui Megna, while for the boys it will be seniors Derek Costello of Wilmington, along with Alex Smith and Tyler Archibald.

"We have some great leadership there. All four girls and all three boys will do well," McGrath said. "I feel like because they are seasoned they will do well, especially at the start. They know



The Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Track teams will open up their seasons on Thursday behind a handful of Wilmington residents including front row from left, John McLaughlin, Arianna Farrell, Emily Pinto, and Derek Costello; back row from left, Donald Alphonse, Maximus Boston, Zachary Rogers, Will Biscan, Daniel Watne and Logan Piles. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

what it takes to compete, while some underclassmen may still struggle with that. As the season goes along, they will understand more what competition looks like, but these captains will be ready right from the start."

They will also be ready to compete in multiple events, with Gillis competing in the triple jump, long jump, 400 and 200 after qualifying for the state meet in the triple jump as a sophomore. Bourdeau meanwhile will compete in the high jump, the high hurdles and the 4x100 relay, while Ward will compete in the 400,

4x400 and the long jump and Megna will compete in the 800 meters and the mile.

"The girls line up to be pretty successful again although it is a small group," McGrath said. "But everybody we are facing seems to be facing the same challenge. So, it is just a matter of strategically figuring out where to put everybody."

For the boys, Smith, who finished in the top five at the Eastern Mass meet in the 800 and the mile as just a sophomore should once again be strong in both events, while Costello who qualified for states in the 400 hurdles

as just a sophomore will be back to compete in that event as well as the 200 meters and possibly the jump. Archibald, the captain of the CAC champion Rams Boys Soccer team, will compete in the 4x400, the 400 the 100 and the long jump.

"The question after those guys is what do we have in all of the other events," McGrath said. "In a way, we won't know that until after Thursday when we see what everyone can do. It is incredible to think that the last time we competed, a lot of the kids who will be competing on Thursday were in seventh and eighth

grade."

Regardless of who is competing for the Rams, the thing McGrath and his team are looking forward to the most is just getting out and having a season after missing out on it last season.

"Even though our numbers are down, the kids are all very committed, so we are going to try to give them the best possible experience," McGrath said. "If we can have five meets and compete well and have a sense of normalcy, then it will be a successful season."

# Rams seeking fifth straight league title

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BILLERICA - There will be plenty of new faces for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team this season, but the goal will remain the same for the Rams, as they will be aiming for their fifth straight Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship.

Most recently in 2019, the Rams posted a 15-5 overall record to win their fourth straight crown, sharing league title honors with Essex Tech.

Much has changed since then of course, with the Rams saying goodbye to several key players over the past couple of years, but Rams coach Chuck Baker is looking forward to seeing what this group can do to defend their title.

"We are extremely young but have a lot of talent in the bottom two classes. We have a good core of talent and leadership returning," Baker said. "I am looking to see them improve and compete at a higher level each week. The team has a

great attitude."

While the Rams did lose many players over the past couple of years, they also return some talented players, including senior midfielder Dan Lee of Tewksbury who had 28 goals as a sophomore, junior midfielder Jacob Martins of Wilmington, and perhaps most importantly senior goalie Jonah Varallo, who was outstanding as a sophomore for the Rams.

"Dan and Jacob had great seasons for us back in 2019, so we are glad to have the both of them

back," Baker said. "And Jonah is the man. He will be the backbone of our defense for sure. He does a great job in the net for us."

Lee and Varallo, along with senior defender TJ Elouizzani and senior midfielder/FOGO Peter Canniff will serve as captains for the Rams, and Baker feels that they are well prepared to take on that role.

"They all know that we are a winning program and they are very upbeat to get this young team up and going," Baker said.

"They want to win and bring great leadership to the program on and off the field."

Other key returning players for the Rams will include junior LSM Aydan Churchill of Wilmington, along with junior midfielder/attack Kyle Brouillette and senior defender Boston Bergeron.

Several new faces will also be looking to lead the Rams to another league title, including freshman defender Ed Peterson and freshman goalie Owen Guinane. Other freshmen

looking to make their mark will include attacks Rich Elliott and Kyle Gray, along with midfielders Chase Darcey, Teagan Ledoux, Mason Morneau, Mike DeRose and Caleb Carceres. Sophomore attack Mike Lawson, sophomore midfielder Derek Maguire and sophomore defender Brady Darcy will also chip in, as will junior defenders Ryan Dusablon and Christian Robson.

If the Rams are going to win the league once again this season, they will have to get past several talented teams in the CAC, but first and foremost they will likely be battling defending co-champ Essex Tech for top honors. Baker, however also acknowledges that every opponent is a threat, especially this season.

"Essex will be the one on our radar. They are well coached and have some talent. On the flip of that, any team with this COVID season could sneak in a win or two at any time. We just need to stay focused," Baker said. "We just need to take one at a time and take care of business. Also playing the same team back to back on the week is tough. Sometimes a team may get a little over confident. We are striving for the league title first and worry about anything else after."



The Wilmington residents on the Shawsheen Tech Varsity Boys Lacrosse team includes from left, Aydan Churchill, Jacob Martins, Derek Maguire, Jason Marrone, Mike DeRose, Kyle Gray and Ryan Dusablon. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

# Rams Baseball team crushes Essex Tech, 13-3

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when their number was called on. It was a total team effort on that win to start the season"

Senior Chris DiSciscio went five innings to pick up the win for the Rams, allowing six hits and striking out two.

"Chris was spotting his pitches well that afternoon. He was able to keep hitters off-balance and mix things up on Essex," McCarthy said. "It was great to jump out on top

to start the game, scoring five runs in the top of the first. That always is a nice gift for any pitcher - to be able to go out there and pitch with a lead with a solid defense behind him. Chris did what we needed him to do that day."

Senior pitcher Ben Powell also did what the Rams needed him to do the very next day, albeit under much different circumstances, throwing a

complete game six-hitter while striking out three batters.

"This was Ben's first varsity game experience, and he came out ready to compete. We got into some trouble in the first inning, with bases loaded and nobody out," McCarthy said. "But Ben and the defense stepped up big and got out of it without giving up a run. Then, we had some momentum and some con-

fidence. From then on, Ben settled in nicely and had a real solid outing for the complete game win."

Kearns, the Rams senior catcher, once again stepped up offensively for the Rams in this one, with an RBI single to score Bourdeau in the bottom of the sixth inning for what would prove to be the game winning run.

"Adam had a real nice two games to start the season. He is a tremen-

dous leader for us both on and off the field," McCarthy said. "He was on-base for us all day on Friday. Then, coming up huge for us with that RBI single in the sixth inning to take the lead on Saturday was big. He's been doing it all for us this year."

Essex had jumped on top in this one with a run in the top of the third, but the Rams got the run right back in the bottom

half of the third to tie it back up. That run was scored when senior Connor Maguire smoked an RBI double to left-center gap to score Shane Costello of Wilmington who had reached on a walk to start off the inning and then stole second base.



## Co-Ed Tennis team hoping to keep momentum going

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BILLERICA - The 2019 season will always be one that is looked back on fondly by the Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Tennis team, and with very good reason. Under the direction of then first year head coach Jay Tildsley, the Rams had one of the greatest seasons in program history, posting a 13-2 overall record and more importantly, winning their first Commonwealth Athletic Conference title since 2013 in the process.

It was a season for the history books. Of course, now two years later, that's just where it is, with virtually every member of that team having graduated in the past two years, including former CAC MVP Adam Hines of Tewksbury. It will be an almost entirely new team that takes the court for Tildsley this season. But that doesn't mean the Rams can't have another successful season, at least

based on the attitudes of the players in the early going.

"We had a pretty good turnout, with 22 players and they are all just so eager to be out there," Tildsley said. "We have put them through a lot of conditioning and we are just throwing everything at them, but they just keep coming back for more and more. We are seeing smiles and we are also seeing competitiveness. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids. It has been awesome so far."

One of the players who has been having the most fun in the early going has been senior Jake Glinner of Tewksbury. Glinner is new to the Rams Tennis team, but is not new to Shawsheen sports, having previously played baseball. Now, he looks like he may very well be the Rams No. singles player in his first year with the team.

"He got injured during the baseball season, and he picked up tennis during COVID," Tildsley said.



The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Tennis team includes Wilmington residents from left, Tyler Newhouse, Bobby Dodge and Jake Glinner. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

"Right now, it looks like he will be our number one. He is a phenomenal server and he has a great awareness for the game. He is also quick to the net, and he has good hands. But his biggest strength is his serve."

Junior John Dembeck is

making a strong push to secure the second singles spot. Dembeck was with the Rams as a freshman back in 2019, but with a senior laden lineup, he did not see much action. That has certainly changed this season, as he will likely be one of the Rams that Tildsley will be counting on most.

"John comes in with a lot of experience," Tildsley said. "He brings a lot of skill and has great vision on the court. He has been a pleasant surprise."

Adam Hines may be gone, but the Hines name is still proudly competing for Shawsheen with junior Sam Hines and freshman Ethan Hines each competing for roster spots, with Ethan likely to grab one of the final two singles spots and Sam likely to play first doubles along with Tyler Newhouse at first doubles.

"They both make good impact," Tildsley said. "They could each end up having a good season for

us."

Sam Hines and Newhouse seem to have pretty well locked up that number one singles spot with their strong pre-seasons. Newhouse returns to the Tennis team for his senior season, and will be competing in his fourth varsity sport this season, after being a CAC All-Star and leading the Rams to the league title as a goalie for the soccer team, while also competing with the swim and volleyball teams.

Tildsley expects big things out of the first doubles combination.

"They are looking pretty cohesive. They kid of play off of each other," Tildsley said. "Tyler is a really good defender and Sam is a really good server, so they complement each other well."

Other locals looking to crack the Rams lineup will include junior Daedon Bere' of Tewksbury, along with sophomore Gabriella DiSalvo of Tewksbury, as well as the freshman duo

of twin sisters Sarah and Jasmine Johannsen.

Whoever is in the Rams lineup, Tildsley is looking forward to seeing just how good this team can be. The team may be new, but the goals remain the same, if slightly altered, due to COVID.

"We lack a little bit of experience, but it feels like the players are coming out with great attitudes," Tildsley said. "Winning the league is our number one goal and expectation, but really the most important thing is being on a team and just being out there playing. Hopefully that correlates to winning as well."

"I have been coaching for a lot of years, with a lot of teams, and I have never experienced this kind of enthusiasm. The kids are there early for every practice, asking what they can do, and they just can't wait to get started. It is just a feeling of overwhelming happiness."

## Softball team comes up on short end

A great pitching performance by junior Sandra Watne of Wilmington was not enough to lead the Shawsheen Tech Softball team to a win in their season opener on Tuesday afternoon, as they suffered a 2-0 road loss to Lowell Catholic.

Watne struck out seven batters, allowing only two hits, while walking one batter and allowing just two unearned runs. She kept the Lowell Catholic batters off balance most of the day as the Crusaders hit one ball out of the infield.

The Rams, however,

could get nothing going offensively, as they were limited to just one hit, a single by Brooke Carlquist in the fourth inning.

"That was a tough one to lose," Shawsheen coach Scott Ialuna said. "We just didn't get the hits when we needed them. We were definitely nervous and it showed. Hopefully we can rebound Thursday."

As Ialuna mentioned, the lack of the big hit is what cost the Rams in this one. While they were unable to get many base hits, they did walk seven times and had base runners in almost every inning, but

they ended up stranding eight. They made it interesting in the top of the seventh getting two runners on, but they were bitten by a bit of bad luck as Watne hit a line drive to centerfield that was caught to end the game.

Lowell Catholic had scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, giving them just enough offense to pull out the win. The teams will square off again on Thursday afternoon, when the Rams will play host to the Crusaders.

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## TMHS seniors receiving academic excellence

(Eds. note: This article is being reprinted due to an error whereby the magna cum laude and cum laude students were misidentified.)

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Memorial High School will applaud the Class of 2021 seniors graduating with honors at an awards ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9 a.m. (students with last names beginning with letters A through K) and 10 a.m. (students with last names beginning with letters L through Z) in the Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Academic Excellence is awarded to senior graduates who have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher. There are three levels of distinction: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. Awarded seniors will be presented with a recognition medal at this ceremony.

Additionally, students will once again don the medals of honor at the graduation ceremony and will be recognized in the 2021 TMHS Commencement Program. The goal of this ceremony is to proudly recognize the many graduating seniors that have admirably achieved academic success at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Parents/guardians may view the ceremony virtually on the local Education TV Channel (Comcast 22, Verizon 34) or on Youtube.com/TewksburyTV.

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Awards**

**summa cum laude**  
(GPA of 4.01 or higher)  
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Soponwit Azzalina  
Mihir Bagul \* n  
Alyson Baker n  
Caesar Barboa  
Nabil Barkallah \*

Alyssa Boudreau \* n  
Megan Boudreau n  
Thomas Branchaud n  
Jaime Burns n  
Isabelle Carleton  
Alex Cashell n  
Zachary Connolly n  
Michael Cronin n  
Mackenzie Dawson n  
Cole Duffett n  
Michael Duggan n  
Brady Eagan n  
Caitlyn Finnegan n  
Juliana Fisher  
Ethan Fleming n  
Alexandra Fowler n  
Hailey Furilla n  
Ashley Giordano n  
Trinity Gustin n  
Abigail Hansbury n  
Abigail Hayes n  
Michelle Hinkle \* n  
Brianna Iandoli n  
Cindy Lai n  
Beri Lantum n  
Alexandra Lightfield n  
Daniel Lightfoot n  
Abigail MacAllister n  
Maegan Marshall n  
Matthew Martins  
Elias Melki n  
Elizabeth Miller n  
Amanda Moreira n  
Derek Munroe  
Kaylee Murphy  
Shayne O'Neil n  
Makayla Paige n  
Kunal Pal \* n  
Emily Parr n  
Alexis Polimeno \* n  
Patrick Powers  
Ryan Rosenberg n  
Sabtari Sabir n  
Erin Sands \* n  
Jessica Satterfield \* n  
Domenic Valway n  
Madison Vandenbergh  
Abigail Varghese \* n  
Elaina Walazek  
Maddison Wheeler n  
Samuel White n  
Brooke Woodman \* n  
\* Denotes students graduating in the Top 5% of the Class of 2021  
n Denotes National Honor Society Member

**magna cum laude**  
(GPA of 3.81 - 4.0)  
Jennifer Asselin n  
Brenna Cassidy n  
Adriana Croteau  
Kyle Darrigo n  
Iris Diaz-Archilla n  
Julia Dillon  
Sara Draper

Ryan Edwards n  
Emma Fleming n  
Ciara Flight n  
Justin Flynn n  
Vanessa Flynn n  
Chris Franklin n  
Renee Graczyk  
Ryan Hughes  
Allison Indingaro n  
Sean Kaiser n  
Joanna Krieger  
Richard Lavargna  
Joshua Linnehan  
Kaitlin Macdonald  
Thalia Madeiros  
Ian Mangan n  
Robert Manson n  
Erin McIntyre n  
William McKay n  
Kaitlyn Oates  
Joseph Pazyra n  
Ariana Perron n  
Madison Pierce n  
Sierra Sousa n  
Paige Talbot  
Emily Walker  
Matthew Woods n  
Ryan Zackular

**cum laude**  
(GPA of 3.6 - 3.8)  
Isabella Alfano  
Colin Bozek  
Catsalina Burke  
Marykate Callinan n  
Isabella Carlino  
Michaela Carlson  
Aimee Carney  
Abby Demos  
Felicia Diulio  
Hannah Grace  
Keegan Hannan  
Kira Hodges  
Nicholas Johnston n  
Michael Kelly  
Julia Kirby  
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Trevor Lindsey  
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Conor Moynihan n  
Brett Nkabasele  
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## OBITUARIES

### Joan F. 'Joni' Ryan

Loved karaoke, beach rides, canoe adventures

Joan F. "Joni" Ryan, age 57, of Tewksbury, formerly of Charlestown and Billerica, passed away unexpectedly on May 6, 2021.

Joni was born on Nov. 12, 1963 in Boston; she was the cherished daughter of Joan Ryan and the late James J. Ryan Jr. of Tewksbury. Joni was raised in Charlestown and graduated from St. Mary's High School.

Joni moved to Tewksbury and Billerica where she raised her two children, Walter and Kerry. Joni was a devoted mother who enjoyed spending time with her children. She loved to make the holidays special and attended any sporting or school event the kids were involved in.

Joni's favorite role was "Nuna"; her grandchildren meant the world to her and spending time spoiling them was her favorite thing to do. Joni checked in with the grandchildren often and looked forward to finding out what was new in their lives.

Joni enjoyed being surrounded by her family; she spent most afternoons with her mother running

errands or attending appointments. She had an enormous heart and was always willing to help anyone in need.

In her spare time, Joni enjoyed listening to music, singing karaoke, taking rides to the beach, canoe adventures, and playing her online games. Joni loved nature, watching sunsets, and animals, especially her cats.

Joni was genuinely a bright light in all the lives she touched. Her laugh could fill a room and her joy for life was infectious. The loss of Joni will leave an immense void in the lives of people who loved her.

Joni was the loving mother of Kerry Pavidis and her husband Sean of Billerica, Walter Nadeau and his wife Kelly of Wilmington, devoted "Nuna" to her grandchildren Arianna Lorino, Joshua Nadeau, and James Pavidis, dear sister of James Ryan and his wife Karen of Tewksbury, loving aunt & godmother to Robert Ryan.

Joni is also survived by her long-time companion George MacDonald of Weare, NH, as well as



many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memorial donations in Joni's name may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral at the Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey St., Tewksbury on Wednesday, May 12 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. William's Church, Main St., (Rte. 38), Tewksbury at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow in Fox Hill Cemetery, Billerica. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 11 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Visit [www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com](http://www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com)

## Anthony named to St. Mary's High School Principal's List

St. Mary's High School announces its honor roll and principal's list for the third quarter of the 2020-21 academic year. Honor roll students must achieve an 85 or above in all of their classes. Students earning principal's

list status must achieve 90 or above in all of their classes.

The following student from Wilmington has achieved this honor:

**PRINCIPAL'S LIST**  
• Lindsay Anthony '24

## Merrimack Valley legislators showing support for AAPI-owned businesses during AAPI Heritage Month

TEWKSBURY - State Representative Tram Nguyen (D-Andover) is pleased to announce that her fellow Merrimack Valley legislators are joining her and the House Asian Caucus in supporting AAPI-owned businesses during May, which is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

State Representatives Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen), Marcos Devers (D-Lawrence), Christina Minicucci (D-North Andover), Lenny Mirra (R-Georgetown), Frank Moran (D-Lawrence), David Robertson (D-Wilmington), Andy Vargas (D-Haverhill), as well as Senators Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen), have joined the month-long challenge to support Asian-owned businesses, which have been hit particularly hard during the pandemic.

"Our local businesses have all been impacted by the pandemic, but businesses owned by Asian Americans and Asians have been hit especially hard this past year," explained Rep. Nguyen. "Even before the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a shutdown of non-essential businesses, anti-Asian rhetoric and scapegoating for the pandemic caused a decline in patronage of Asian-owned or operated businesses. Now, as our state begins to recover from the pandemic, it's important to help these businesses recover, too, and show our friends and neighbors that we support them."

"As one of the members of the Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, I stand by my trailblazer colleague legislator Tram Nguyen in solidarity with the House Asian Caucus in supporting AAPI-owned businesses since minority

business owners have taken the hardest punches amidst the COVID-19 pandemic," says Rep. Devers.

"As our economy recovers, all our local businesses continue to need our support, and in honor of AAPI Heritage Month, we should especially support the AAPI-owned businesses that are such valued members of our community. Some of these businesses have faced a great deal of discrimination during the pandemic, and we should signal our support and appreciation for all they contribute to our community," said Rep. Campbell.

Rep. Vargas stated, "Our Asian-American community is a vital part of our city's fabric. Supporting locally owned Asian-American businesses is a small but important way to show the community that we have their back in the wake of rising hate

crimes across the country."

"We need to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community and put an end to anti-Asian violence and discrimination," said Sen. Finegold. "I look forward to continuing to support our community's fantastic AAPI-owned businesses as they bounce back from the pandemic."

"It has been a trying year for all of our small businesses, who have faced one challenge after another in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. For businesses owned by Asians and Asian Americans, it has been a particularly difficult period, as we've seen reported cases of anti-Asian violence, harassment and rhetoric on the rise, which in all too many instances have also led to a decline in support for AAPI-owned businesses. As we come out of this pandem-

ic, it is imperative we do all we can to support our friends, neighbors and small businesses who have not only struggled to remain afloat during the pandemic but also dealt with this rise in hate crimes on top of it," said Sen. DiZoglio.

Nguyen is the first Vietnamese American woman to be elected to office in Massachusetts, and is proud of her heritage. She arrived in the Merrimack Valley at age 5 with her family, and has lived here since. She was elected State Representative in 2018

and 2020, and has championed legislation to help workers and small businesses. She recently filed bills to fight hate crimes against Asian Americans and all protected classes, and to ensure that K-12 curriculum is racially and culturally inclusive.

Nguyen is a member of the House Asian Caucus in the Massachusetts State House, which is a bipartisan legislative caucus dedicated to bringing greater awareness to issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in Massachusetts

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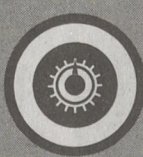
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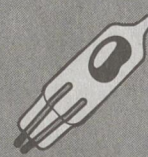
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# Lifestyle

## This spring could be worst allergy season yet

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

**F**lower buds and new foliage growth is a telltale sign of the beginning of spring. For seasonal allergy sufferers, it is also a sure sign of the beginning of spring allergy season.

This is the time of year to stock up on extra tissues as a runny nose, itchy, watery eyes, and cough and sneeze are just a few of the many allergy symptoms to look forward to during spring allergy season.

Thanks to climate change, common seasonal allergies are getting worse every year. An increase in climate temperature has led to more pollen production, which is a major allergy irritant, especially for those who suffer from respiratory issues like asthma.

A study done by John Hopkins School of Medicine determined that the spring allergy season has been arriving approximately 20 days earlier than it did in 1990. This longer allergy season also contains 20 percent more pollen than allergy seasons before.

If you suffer from seasonal allergies, you will agree that the 2021 allergy season that has been predicted to be the worst allergy season yet, is living up to scientific expectations.

Typically, tree pollen starts in early to mid March. Grass pollen starts in May, and weed pollen, such as dandelions, is at its

peak in July. Ragweed pollen shows up in late August as the "last hoorah" of allergy irritants before a killing frost ends the suffering of seasonal allergies some time in late September.

All of this allergy bad news is enough to give anyone a sinus headache! But don't throw in the Kleenex box just yet, as there are many ways to fight back against the common seasonal allergy symptoms.

Your first plan of attack against seasonal allergies is to pinpoint your allergy triggers. Make an appointment with an allergist for an allergy skin test to determine your specific seasonal allergies. Then, with your doctor's guidance, you can set out a comprehensive plan of avoidance

and attack.

There are also many over the counter and prescription medicines that will help relieve many of the common effects of seasonal allergies. As with any medicine, you should consult your physician and pharmacist when starting any new medications.

There are also several things you can do to limit your exposure to the outdoor allergy irritants, thus limiting the need for medications to relieve your symptoms.

During high pollen count days, keep windows and doors closed to protect your indoor air. You can also install HEPA (high-efficiency particulate absorbing) filters to your air-conditioning system and panel filters to your fur-

nace.

Try to avoid long outdoor exposure during peak pollen count days. If you need to get caught up on yard work or other activities that keep you outdoors for long periods of time, try wearing a face mask to cut the amount of pollen you breathe in while outside.

Each time you come in from the outdoors, you are bringing small particles of the outside world in with you. During peak pollen times, leave your shoes at the door, then shower and change your clothing to keep from spreading pollen throughout your home.

Eat a nutritious balanced diet to keep your immune system intact, and drink plenty of fluids. The extra liquid intake can thin mucus in your nasal passages and give you some relief of symptoms. Warm fluids such as tea, broth or soup also have the added benefit of steam.

Breathing in steam can also help clear sinus passages and help you breathe easier.

Hold your head over a very warm bowl of water, and place a towel over your head to trap the steam. This effect can also be achieved by sitting in the bathroom and running a hot shower.

Smoke can cause many similar effects as seasonal allergies, so during peak allergy season, avoid being around cigarette smokers, wood burning stoves and fireplaces to reduce added respiratory irritants.

Extreme allergy sufferers may want to consid-



▲ Top, budding foliage and flowers cause high pollen counts. This is the main factor of irritants for seasonal allergy sufferers. Pictured are azalea and other ornamental flower shrubs.

▲ Above, lilac buds

(Heather Burns photos)



▲ Flowering fruit trees are pretty to look at in full bloom but can cause itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, and respiratory irritation for many who suffer from seasonal allergies.

## Many meat alternatives exist for a healthy diet

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent  
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As evidence mounts as to the strains that industrial animal food production places on our ecosystems, producers are looking for ways to ease the industry's carbon footprint, appeal to a variety of palates, and provide equivalent or superior nutrition profiles through new food products.

Impacts to the environment by large scale commercial agricultural operations including feedlots for cattle and ocean-based fish farms are creating interest in consumers for alternative sources for the food supply. Factory farms raise and kill large numbers of ani-

mals each year for food consumption, and critics suggest it contributes to antibiotic resistance and climate change.

Meat replacement products have been around for years, but the grocery and restaurant industries have jumped in with both feet more recently, selling plant-based burgers at fast food chains and devoting significant shelf space to plant-based patties, brats, crumbles and the like.

Products for almost every type of meat use are available now, complete with texture and color that mimics real animal products. Companies such as Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods debuted products in 2016 that looked and tasted like real

meat.

Not all meat replacement products are completely plant-based, however, and consumers should read labels to know what is in the products, including some additives that are chemically derived.

There has also been some criticism of near-meat products being high in sodium, fat, and calories, leading nutritionists to wonder if the alternatives are in fact healthier. That said, experts do agree that moving toward more plant-based foods can have long term benefits for people.

A study at Stanford University in 2020 compared two groups of people over eight weeks; one group was to eat two servings

of primarily red meat each day, and the other was to eat two meat alternatives each day. In a surprising discovery, the plant-based meat group had a lower level of a molecule linked to cardiovascular disease than the red meat group.

Other meat replacement products include blends with fruits and vegetables such as half beef and half mushroom, using blueberries and cranberries combined with meat, and using other foods such as jackfruit to achieve the taste and texture of meat, reducing calories and fat while retaining juiciness.

Meat alternatives can be a transition step for those looking to reduce the amount of red-meat or animal products in



▲ Alternative meat products mimic the taste and feel of animal meat burgers. (Paige Impink photo)

their diets. There are replacements for pork, tuna, shrimp, eggs, and chicken for those interested in giving it a try. Numerous products use pea protein, rice proteins and other ingredients, even going so far as to use a soybean molecule to mimic the red blood of beef.

No matter the imposter though, experts seem to

agree that meat alternatives, just like regular meat, should only be a part of a larger "whole foods" diet. Consuming unprocessed fruits, vegetables, grains, legumes, and nuts along with regular meats or meat alternatives is the simplest and best ways to achieve optimal health for yourself and for the environment.



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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Two men arrested following fight at sports club

**Monday, May 3**

2:01 a.m. - Police reported there was a door open at Sena Motors. Building was empty. No contact made with key holders, no phone numbers on file.

3:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a possible domestic/road rage incident at Radcliffe Road and Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. Verbal argument only, officer filed a report.

5:57 p.m. - Caller reported noise from Archstone Avenue. Police sent. Officer reported a two-year old ran in their apartment.

9:25 p.m. - Employee reported a male customer attempted to buy alcohol with a possible fake ID at Hobart's Country Store. Officer filed a report.

**Tuesday, May 4**

9:48 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic operator in the area of Andover Street who hit the curb and crossed the double

yellow line. Sector cars notified and transferred to an address in Andover.

5:15 p.m. - A male party inside of a red pickup truck appeared to be drinking alcohol and disposing of the cans outside the vehicle in the rear of the property at Tricia's Dance Studio. Police sent. They spoke with the operator and advised him of the no loitering signs. Party was not drinking and had moved along.

5:57 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a customer physically assaulted a manager in the parking lot at Applebees Restaurant. Police sent and one was under arrest under protective custody.

10:22 p.m. - There was an intoxicated driver parked in a driveway and pulled in to the neighbor's driveway at Astle Street. The vehicle drove towards Lowell and possibly occupied by two males. Police cleared and unable to locate vehicle.

**Wednesday, May 5**

4:52 a.m. - Caller reported an unknown vehicle in her driveway at Kennth Lane. Police sent. The vehicle was at the wrong address to pick up someone.

6:08 p.m. - There was a male party on the ground crawling at Holiday Inn. Male party from earlier in the shift on Andover Street who resides in room 312 at Holiday Inn. Police sent. The male was having difficulty walking from a cortisone shot. Officer to follow an ambulance to Saints Hospital and would add to his report.

10:14 p.m. - Caller from Kennedy Road stated that a male party wearing shorts knocked on his door and stated that he was looking for his cousin then continued walking towards Rogers Street. Police sent. They checked the area and spoke with the homeowner but were unable to locate anyone.

11:22 p.m. - Caller repor-

ted there was a suspicious vehicle in the round about with its light on at South Street. Police sent. Units checked the vehicle but gone on arrival.

**Thursday, May 6**

4:05 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 for a suspicious party. No contact made with the party, cars cleared the area.

5:53 a.m. - A male party being aggressive with customers at Cumberland Farms. Party was walking to Motel 6. Police responded. No trespass being served at room 125. No contact made. Officer filed a report.

**Friday, May 7**

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported damage to his fence from a neighbor on the next street over at South Elizabeth Street. Police sent to speak to the caller. Officer filed a report.

4:07 p.m. - 911 reported a theft in progress by loss

prevention at Home Depot. Male party road off on bicycle towards Lowell. Police sent. Adam Guilmette, 38, of 25 Bailey Road in Townsend, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200.

4:44 p.m. - Front desk requested assistance in having a female party removed who would refuse to leave at Fairfield Inn. Police sent. Emma Parsons, 28, of 16 McGeoch St. in Abington, was arrested and charged with a warrant for improper storage of a firearm.

6:07 p.m. - Upstairs neighbor came downstairs and threatened the caller about the volume of his TV at Ames Hill Drive. This was in an ongoing neighbor dispute between the two parties. Police sent and filed a report.

**Saturday, May 8**

5:51 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Dunkin' Donuts. Police sent. Caller was going to contact manager and see if someone left the vehicle.

3:26 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at Walmart. Police sent. Caller reported shoplifter took

off and ran into the parking lot. Police were able to located party in the Cumberland Farms parking lot. Alexis Dominguez, 36, of 2 Puffer Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

**Sunday, May 9**

2:43 p.m. - A 911 call from the Tewksbury Sports Club for two male parties that were fighting outside. Michael Romano, 29, of 81 Judique Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with wit brass knuckles assault and battery with dangerous weapon, carrying brass knuckles dangerous weapon, possession class A drugs and disorderly conduct. Brendan Galvin, 31, of 1037 North St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with wit screwdriver assault with dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

5:14 p.m. - A 911 call from Loss prevention at Home Depot for a shoplifter. Police sent. Charles Martin, 49, of 7 Burnham Ave. in Saugus, was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$250 + by concealing.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Male party arrested following accident in Woburn

**Friday, April 30:**

7:28 a.m.: A caller in the vicinity of Woburn Street and Elm Street reported an ongoing issue with vehicles not stopping for school buses with lights and stop signs activated. The caller stated it occurs daily between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

8:00 a.m.: A resident on Salem Street reported that sometime after 6 p.m. the previous night, a vehicle knocked over his mailbox and post.

2:32 p.m.: The owner of a red 2014 Toyota Camry reported their vehicle was struck while parked. Although the car was parked at the high school lot on Church Street, the party was unsure where it occurred.

6:27 p.m.: A three vehicle collision with airbag deployment occurred at Woburn Street and West Street involving a blue 2005 Toyota Scion, a blue 2009 Dodge Ram truck, and a gray 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

**Saturday, May 1:**

2:44 a.m.: Nocseille Michel Dabady of 299 Pleasant St., Apt. #3 in Brockton was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation, All Other Warrants. The 2021

Chevy Express Van he was driving was left at St. Dorothy's and another employee was to pick it up. Bail was set at \$240.

10:01 a.m.: A disturbance was reported at the Bank of America on Main Street. An employee stated there was a verbal confrontation between a female customer and the tellers. The customer was reportedly yelling and swearing and calling the employees derogatory names. The caller was advised of no trespass order and will contact the station if they want to pursue it.

12:20 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Fairmont Avenue when a caller stated an older male party driving a gray 2010 Honda Civic drove over his neighbor's lawn, stopped, vomited, and continued driving toward Parker Street. Woburn Police were notified and the area checked, but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

**Sunday, May 2:**

1:21 a.m.: Raquel Ribeiro of 56 Winter St. Ext. in Melrose was pulled over on Lowell Street. She was driving a gray 2011 Ford Taurus when she was arrested on a warrant. A male party took custody of her vehicle. Bail was set at \$40.

9:25 a.m.: A walk-in par-

ty reported illegal dumping at Michael's Place on Lowell Street.

4:56 p.m.: Food on the stove was to blame for a heavy smoke condition on Avalon Drive in a third floor apartment. The building was evacuated and both it and unit #8133 were ventilated.

**Monday, May 3:**

12:02 a.m.: An off-duty officer called in a suspicious party at CVS on Main Street. Steven D. Girouard of 318 S. Main St. in Randolph was going through the trash and carriages in the parking lot looking for receipts. He was arrested for Shoplifting by Asportation. Bail was set at \$240.

9:53 a.m.: The Animal Control officer reported a duck in the Edwards Road area had an injured leg, but could fly. He let it be for the time being.

10:58 a.m.: Vandalism was reported at the Tender Learning Center on Main Street. The play structures were tipped over sometime during the weekend, although nothing appeared damaged.

**Tuesday, May 4:**

10:04 a.m.: A caller reported a Hispanic male in a gray Honda SUV approached him on Lowell

4:38 p.m.: A caller reported being physically assaulted by a female in the parking lot of the Shell Gas Station on Main Street. It started as a verbal argument and escalated. Police responded and peace was restored.

6:26 p.m.: Anthony J. Nouni of 37 Lynn Ave. in Hull was arrested for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater than What is Reasonable and Proper, Marked Lanes Violation, two counts of Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, and two counts of Assault. A caller reported a male party was punching windshields and trying to break into vehicles while appearing under the influence. The party turned onto Cross Street, went through a stop sign, then took a left and headed toward Woburn. Woburn Police reported a vehicle crash at 1091 Main St. with injuries. Main Street was shut down at Border Avenue in Wilmington and at Mountain Road in Woburn. Mass Highway was notified of an oil slick and debris, and the vehicle was towed. A pole was struck in Woburn as well. In Wilmington, a walk-in party reported a hit and run crash at Clark Street involving the suspect ve-

hicle which occurred prior to the Woburn crash.

**Thursday, May 6:**

3:30 a.m.: Robert Valentine Wittig Jr. of 3 Parthenon Circle, Apt. #304 in Andover was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08 percent, Second Offense, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. His gray 2018 Jeep was pulled over on Salem St. Bail was set at \$60.

2:40 p.m.: Doris Calex of 934 Westford St. in Lowell was arrested for OUI-Liquor Over .08 percent, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Marked Lanes Violation. Her gray 2009 Toyota RAV4 was involved in a one-car motor vehicle crash on Lake St. with extensive property damage. The prisoner was bailed.

4:39 p.m.: Daniel W. Hurley Jr. of 37 Clark Street was apprehended for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with Suspended or Revoked Registration. His brown 2006 Honda CR-V was stopped at McDonald's on Main Street. The party showed insurance through May 16, however the registration is showing revoked/insurance. The vehicle was towed and the plates confiscated.

### TMHS International Club car wash

The Tewksbury Memorial High School International Club will be holding a car wash at Town Hall, 1009 Main St., on

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The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233175454?pwd=U0R0FduSU9NSIQQJFIZUpleVNGdz09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 872 3317 5454. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
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Bid Specifications are available for download at the Town of Wilmington's Purchasing Department website:  
<https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Bids will be opened at Wilmington Town Hall on June 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Shawsheen Elementary School tennis courts located at 298 Shawsheen Avenue, Wilmington, MA, on May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. It is imperative that all prospective bidders have a representative in attendance.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021 at 8:10 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-08, plan entitled, "Map 40 Lot 2A, Existing Conditions, Site Plan of Land, 625 Main Street, Wilmington, Mass., (Middlesex County)" dated May 4, 2021, prepared by Richard J. Mede, Jr., PLS, Medford Engineering & Survey, Angelo B. Veneziano Associates, 15 Hall Street, Medford, MA 02155, for the property located at 625 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 2A. The proposed project is for a change of use to General Manufacturing, including the manufacture and storage of stone countertops and related stone products.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233175454?pwd=U0R0FduSU9NSIQQJFIZUpleVNGdz09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 872 3317 5454. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021 at 7:40 p.m. via remote participation for Sign Special Permit #21-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Parking Lot Modification, 269 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887," dated January 21, 2021, prepared by Philip R. Henry, P.E., Civil Design Group, LLC, 21 High Street, Suite 207, North Andover, MA 01845, and accompanying photographs and renderings, for the property located at 269 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 43 Parcel 4C. The proposed project is for one (1) 2.6 sq.ft. freestanding directional sign measuring 3'10" high, and the relocation of three (3) existing freestanding directional signs sized as follows: two (2) 3.23 sq.ft. signs measuring 37" high and one (1) 2.25 sq. ft. sign measuring 5'8" high.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233175454?pwd=U0R0FduSU9NSIQQJFIZUpleVNGdz09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 872 3317 5454. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L.c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington  
By: Jeffrey M. Hull,  
Town Manager  
210568 5/12/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. on an application filed by Janice S. Harmen, heir of Paul K. Lebrun (deceased) for a variance from Section 4120 and Section 4130, Appendix B, for minimum lot size, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to facilitate the separation and sale of two individual lots as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Channels subject to change.

Said property is located at 1176 South Street/Rounsvelt Road, Assessor's Map 109, Lots 53 & 54, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
210566 5/12/19/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on May 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Requested by Tewksbury Realty Ventures, LLC, 1800 Main St. for a variance to Tewksbury BOH Rules and Regulations, Chapter 9: Grease Tank and Grease Trap Requirements for Food Establishments, section 9.5.1 & 9.5.2 which requires an "external" one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallon grease trap. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99 and YouTube.com/TewksburyTV. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Channels subject to change.

At that time, all interested parties will be heard. Copies of the application are available at the Tewksbury Board of Health Office located at the Tewksbury Town Hall.

Raymond Barry  
Chairman, Board of Health  
210531 5/5, 12/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. via remote participation for Site Plan Review #21-07, plan entitled, "T-Mobile Site Number: 4BSS078A, BU #: 875010, 377 Ballardvale, 377 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, Existing 150'-0" Monopole", dated February 24, 2021 and last revised April 21, 2021, prepared by Floyd D. White, PE, TeleCAD Wireless, 1961 Northpoint Boulevard, Suite 130, Hixson, TX 37343, for the property located at 377 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R3 Parcel 50B. The proposed project is for the removal of six (6) existing antennas and nine (9) existing remote radio heads, installation of nine (9) new antennas and six (6) new remote radio heads, and replacement of hybrid cables on the existing wireless communications facility tower. The project also includes removal of two (2) existing cabinets and installation of two (2) new cabinets and other associated ground equipment inside the existing fenced area.

The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. The public will be able to participate by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233175454?pwd=U0R0FduSU9NSIQQJFIZUpleVNGdz09> or by calling in at 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 872 3317 5454. A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and is available electronically and may be requested by calling 978-658-8238 or emailing [vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:vgingrich@wilmingtonma.gov) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
210572 5/12/19/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
Middlesex Probate  
and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment  
of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI20P2453GD

In the interests of:  
Lola I. Lauzier  
of Lowell, MA  
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 06/08/2020 by Debra A. Wolf of Tewksbury, MA will be held 06/03/2021 09:00 AM Review Hearing Located [www.zoomgov.com/my/tetreau](http://www.zoomgov.com/my/tetreau)  
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.  
5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: March 30, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
210554 5/12/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
Middlesex Probate  
and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment  
of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI21P1569GD

In the interests of:  
Victoria Pinto  
of Tewksbury, MA  
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 04/01/2021 by Leah C. Campbell of Portsmouth, NH will be held 05/19/2021 11:00 AM Review Hearing Located <https://www.zoomgov.com/my/tetreau>  
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
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5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: April 8, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
210555 5/12/21

Higgs, Goodwin inducted  
into Phi Kappa Phi  
at Salem State University

BATON ROUGE, LA — Morgan Higgs of Wilmington and Jackson Goodwin of Tewksbury were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Higgs was initiated at Salem State University.

Higgs is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About  
Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

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## LEGAL NOTICE

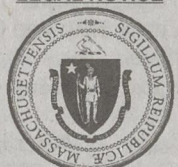
Notice is hereby given to Evelio Rivera of 21 Congress St. Apt. 2 in Lynn MA who is the last registered owner of a 1998 Honda Civic

Vin# 1HGEJ6522WL002647

that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about June 1, 2021 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

210541 5/12,19,26/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

## MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P1489EA

Estate of: Robert H. Powers  
Also Known As:  
Robert Henry Powers  
Date of Death:  
December 25, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Thomas J. Powers of Woburn MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Thomas J. Powers of Woburn MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

210557 5/12/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. on an application filed by Rotchyl and Neline Sanon for a variance from Section 4120 for change of lot, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to facilitate the conveyance of land upon which a single family dwelling will be built as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Channels subject to change.

Said property is located at 444 North Billerica Road, Assessor's Map 2, Lots 12 & 16 / 247 High Street (Billerica), Map 3, Lots 7 & 9-17, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
210532 5/12/19/21

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. on an application filed by Lakeside Mobile Home Court, Inc. c/o Paul LeGrow under MA General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 8 as a party aggrieved by a decision made by the Building Inspector in a letter dated April 5, 2021 and a special permit under Section 3651 to allow for the reconstruction, extension, alteration or change of a nonconforming structure to install four replacement mobile homes. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819. Channels subject to change.

Said property includes 8 Berkeley Street, 22 Upton Street, 120 Leicester Street & 124 Leicester Street, Assessor's Map 17, Lots 11 & 13, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
210556 5/12/19/21



## Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act re-introduced

WASHINGTON, DC — United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Angus King (I-ME), and Steve Daines (R-MT) re-introduced the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act, a bill to honor women who served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII with honorary veteran status. The bill would recognize former Cadet Nurses' service to the country and provide them with honorary veterans status, honorable discharges, a service medal, a burial plaque or grave marker, and other privileges.

Senators Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Jon Tester (D-MT), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Patty Murray (D-WA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), John Boozman (R-AR), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) also joined the bipartisan group.

The bill will be re-introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Cindy Axne (D-IA), Troy Balderson (R-OH), Seth Moulton (D-MA), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Jim McGovern (D-MA), Lois Frankel (D-FL), Richard Neal (D-MA), Joseph Morelle (D-N.Y.), Annie Kuster (D-N.H.), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Jim Cooper (D-TN), David Joyce (R-OH), Lauren Underwood (D-IL), Joe Courtney (D-CT), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Elaine Luria (D-VA), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), and Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.).

"When our Nation

faced a shortage of nurses during World War II, women from across the country took action by joining the Cadet Nurses Corps, where they trained and worked hard to provide Americans with necessary care," Sen. Warren said. "That's why I'm proud to re-introduce legislation that recognizes and honors the valuable contributions Cadet Nurses made during a crucial time in American history."

"Whether in a hospital or overseas on a military base, nurses work on the front lines of patient care in a wide variety of health care settings and serve as critically important advocates for patients and their families," said Sen. Collins. "The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps played a vital role in WWII, addressing a critical shortage of nurses during the War and providing women with an expedited nursing education in exchange for their health care services. U.S. Cadet Nurses worked tirelessly to keep America's health care system strong, and many went on to work in military hospitals caring for our injured troops. I encourage my colleagues to join us in honoring U.S. Cadet Nurses."

"The women of the United States Cadet Corps left a legacy of service that makes all Montanans and Americans proud," Sen. Daines said. "It's time to rightfully honor them, recognize their hard work, and give them the veteran status they earned."

"The women who served in the Cadet Nurse Corps put their country first and aided in our victories — and it's past time they are granted honorary veteran status," Congresswoman Bustos said. "Today, I am proud to help introduce this bipartisan legislation to recognize

their service and express our nation's eternal gratitude for all they did."

In the midst of WWII, a severe shortage of trained nurses threatened the nation's ability to meet domestic and military medical needs. In response, Congress established the Cadet Nurse Corps, an integrated, uniformed service of the Public Health Administration, in 1943. The Cadet Nurse Corps provided young women with expedited nursing education in exchange for "service in essential nursing for the duration of the war." In 1944, the Federal Security Agency identified "national recognition for rendering a vital war service" as a privilege of service in the Corps.

In total, nearly 120,000 women completed the Corps' rigorous training. Cadet Nurses served in military hospitals, VA hospitals, Marine hospitals, private hospitals, public health agencies, and public hospitals until the program ended in 1948.

Cadet Nurse Elizabeth "Betty" Beecher was one of those 120,000 women. She trained to become a Cadet Nurse in Boston, and then served as a nurse at a Staten Island, N.Y., marine hospital near the end of WWII.

"We prevented a total collapse of the health care system," she said. "Had we not stepped up and volunteered and enlisted in the Corps, I'm afraid the country would have been demoralized and our boys would have come home to a sick country."

The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act would:

- Provide Cadet Nurses with honorary veteran status, with an honorable discharge from service where merited;
- Permit the Secretary of Defense to provide honorably discharged

Cadet Nurses with a service medal, a burial plaque or grave marker, and other commendations to honor their service.

The legislation would not provide still-living Cadet Nurses with Veterans Affairs pensions, healthcare benefits, or other privileges afforded to former active-duty service members, such as burial benefits in Arlington Cemetery.

Sen. Warren first introduced the bill in December 2018 with Senators Collins, King, and Daines.

The bill has been endorsed by Military Women's Memorial, the American Nurses Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Nursing Organization for Nursing Leadership, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, Nurses Organization of Veteran Affairs, Association of Veteran Affairs Nurse Anesthetists, Infusion Nurses Society, Oncology Nursing Society, International Society for Psychiatric Nurses, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research, National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, Association of perOperative Registered Nurses, National League for Nursing, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Association of Public Health Nurses, American Nephrology Nurses Association, Society of Pediatric Nurses, Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses, National Association of School Nurses, Association of Community Health Nurse Educators, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Association of Nurses in AIDS Care.

## Town Hall reopens to residents starting Monday, May 17

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going through right now, that it wouldn't be fair to this board to take that role," she said.

However, O'Mahony nominated Lilia Maselli, who accepted the nomination and was voted in as the new chair.

Communications pertained to everything between COVID-19 numbers, selectmen designees on town committees, changing the name of the board to the Select Board, reopening Town Hall, Fun on the 4th, and the New England Transrail.

Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse reported the most recent numbers at 40 positives and noticed a trend of COVID-19 spreading through sports events and daycares.

Town Manager Jeff Hull wrote a letter to the board explaining that the board members and their designees have served as representatives in their committees without term limits.

Bendel clarified that he asked the town manager to bring this forward to see whether they'd like to see any sort of regular reevaluation for these commitments. He also pointed out that Maselli was already serving on the Economic Development committee and now would be a board representative.

While not being in favor of lifetime appointments, he'd still want to be sensitive to the fact that these committees are made up of volunteers so as not to discourage their willingness to serve.

The board suggested perhaps that every year there be an effort to reaffirm the board members and volunteers' desire to continue, and that there be a more

regular cadence of reporting back to the board. O'Mahony also asked for a list from each committee of who is serving and what vacancies exist.

For the matter of changing the name to the Select Board, Hull explained that this would require changing the inhabitant by-law and the Town Manager's Act via Town Meeting. DePalma shared that he'd like Hull to start the process of creating that opportunity.

Hull also mentioned in an item of communication that the Town Hall is open for residents effective May 17, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An item from Kevin Cairra said that the town hall/school admin building committee had selected four firms as finalists for the architect/designer and would be conducting interviews at their next two meetings.

There were other communications announcing Wilmington had been named a Tree City for 2020, thanking the Shriners for letting the town use their space for the Town Meeting, and saying that Fun on the 4th will not go forward this year.

Then, there were two items related to the Environmental Protection Agency issuing a record of decision for New England Transrail, and two notifications of work from National Grid and Eversource.

The meeting ended with a Salute to Service honoring Navy Veteran Ken Lydon, who served from 1958-1962 aboard a submarine. Lydon passed away in April of this year at the age of 81. The tribute said he would be remembered for the pride he took in his service and his kind demeanor.

## Bridge repairs made near Wilmington line

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conferred with City Hall department heads like Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn and City Solicitor Ellen Callahan-Doucette before moving ahead with the legislation.

"Once construction is complete, they will have to go back to their original access road," added the City Council president, whose district includes the industrial zone off of Merrimac Street.

Tedesco's council colleagues at the recent meeting unanimously and without debate agreed to set up a public hearing to discuss the matter further.

Replacing an old structure that connected North Woburn to East Woburn by Anderson Regional Transportation Center by Commerce Way, the New Boston Street bridge project is expected to divert as many as 17,000 vehicles per day away from smaller residential side streets in Wilmington and North Woburn that lead to the industrial district.

The previous bridge, a two-lane structure that processed far fewer vehicles, was destroyed in a fire in 1972. Left in a dilapidated condition for years after the blaze, the former

two-lane bridge was demolished sometime in 1978.

With the surrounding area now home to hundreds of businesses, city officials have been lobbying the state for decades to reconstruct the New Boston Street bridge.

By rebuilding the bridge, the city will reestablish a traffic connection between North and East Woburn and provide commuters with a more direct route to the commuter rail and highway connections to I-93 off Commerce Way.

According to final design plans prepared by the Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the new three-span bridge will include two 11-foot traffic lanes for vehicles heading in either direction. Besides being able to process four total lanes of traffic, the structure will also include a five-foot wide shoulder and a sidewalk separated by guardrails.

In a submission to a state environmental agency earlier this spring, MassDOT officials predicted the infrastructure project would begin in August. Construction is expected to last for at least two years.

## Board discusses town manager contract

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"Just to sit down and negotiate without having any participants apply I think is reckless and foolish of the board," he said. "No disrespect to the current town manager."

The board suggested that he start by reaching out to town counsel, KP Law, with questions about how this process should occur with regard to the contract.

Kevin Cairra explained that only in a situation where the board votes not to reappoint the current town manager would they look to hire an outside individual.

"I'd be in favor of reappointing," he continued. "We're not going to go through the process of looking for others if we're going to reappoint."

He also said that usually there is a negotiation committee formed to work with

the town manager before they take up a vote to reappoint — so DePalma's first action before the board seeks new applicants would be to make a motion not to reappoint.

O'Mahony asked if the chair, or perhaps DePalma, would reach out to KP Law and see what they say, or if they'd like to come to the next meeting with suggestions. DePalma volunteered to contact them and find

out the procedure and next steps. He maintained that he wants to explore other candidates while still considering Hull.

Since this was new business, the board, per Bendel's caution, chose not to make any motion at this time. The chairman agreed to add this item to the agenda for their next meeting, which would be on Monday May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

# MIDDLESEX

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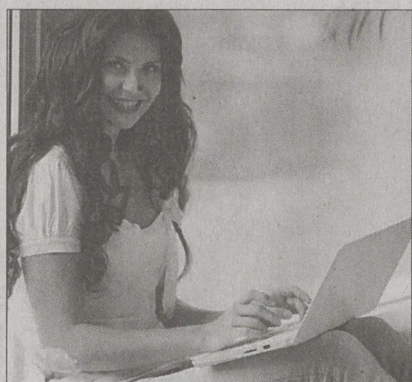
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<b>2018 Lexus NX 300 AWD</b> H210614, Auto., White, 21K miles	<b>\$31,998</b>
<b>2020 Audi Q3 Premium Quattro</b> H210540, Auto., Ibis White, 17K miles	<b>\$31,998</b>
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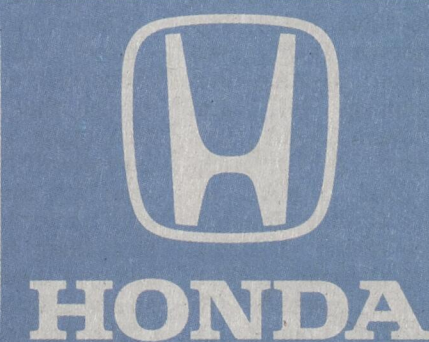
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